

ささめきこと 8 いげだたかし

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IT'S SO PERFECT
I CAN
HARDLY
RECOGNIZE
HIM!

IT'S
PERFECT!

IT'S...



DO YOUR
BEST, BIG
BROTHER!

Sparkle

Sparkle

AFTER ALL...

THIS TIME,
IT WAS
MURASAME-SAN
WHO ASKED
ME OUT!

AND DON'T
WORRY,
IF THAT
TELEPHONE
POLE GIRL
DOESN'T
SEEM TO BE
GOING FOR
IT, I'LL...

IT WILL
BE OKAY,
MANAKA...

Part 41 In & Out

SEE YOU
LATER!!





Once they're
seen together,
that leaflet
is history!

HUH? I
THOUGHT WE
WERE JUST
HERE TO MAKE
SURE THEY
MET UP AS
PLANNED.

AFTER
THAT, I
THOUGHT
WE COULD
ALL GO DO
SOMETHING
TOGETHER.

MISSION
START.

ROGER!

WE MIGHT BE
ABLE TO CATCH
THEM IN THE ACT
AND MAKE THEM
LOOK BAD AT THE
SAME TIME WE
CLEAR UP THE
SUSPICION
SURROUNDING
MURASAME.

BUT
THANKS
TO OUR
BAIT...

SO
UNFAIR.

EVEN IF IT'S
WITH A BOY,
A SCANDAL
IS STILL A
SCANDAL.

ESPECIALLY
FOR A GIRL
WITH A
REPUTATION
AS SQUEAKY
CLEAN AS
HERS.

COULDN'T
THIS END
UP MAKING
THE
SUSPICIONS
EVEN
WORSE?

BUT
AKEMIYA-KUN
HAS SUCH
A GIRLY
FACE!

Ahahahahaha

Ahahahahaha

DON'T BE
SILLY!
IT'S A DATE!
A DATE!
EVEN HE
COULDN'T
SCREW THIS
UP!

RIGHT!
HE'S DEFINITELY
GOING TO SHOW
UP DECKED OUT
IN SOMETHING
COOL. HE'S A
BOY, AFTER
ALL.

HAHA,
NO WAY,
TORIOI-
CHAN!

Tap Tap Tap Tap Tap Tap Tap Tap

**MURA-
SAME-
SAAAAN**

**SORRY
I'M
LAAATE!**

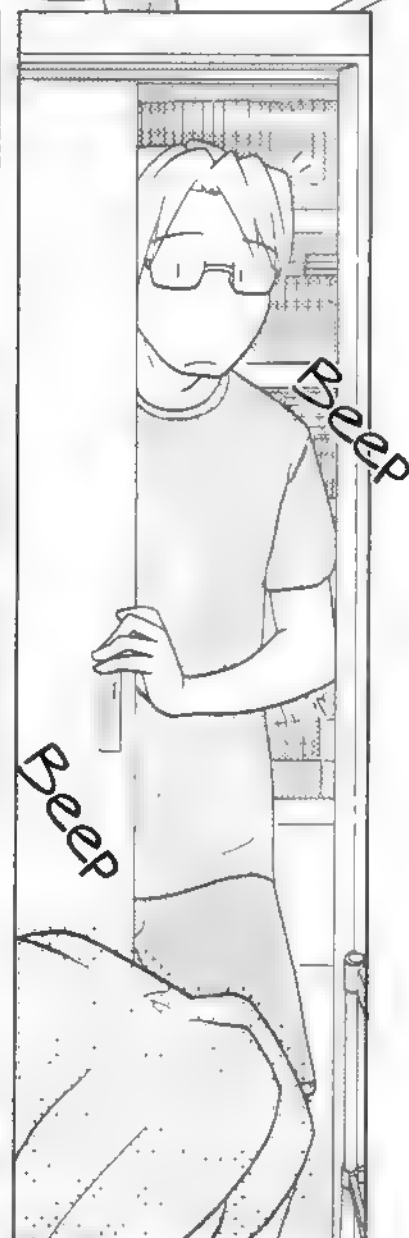






EEEEEEEEEEH!?







OR "I'LL THINK
ABOUT IT
AFTER I CAN
FULLY SUPPORT
MYSELF."

BY SAYING
THINGS
LIKE
"I'M NOT
READY
YET."

YOU CAN
TRY TO
GET OUT
OF THIS...

I DO
UNDERSTAND,
BUT...

THERE'S
NO NEED
TO OVERTHINK
THINGS.
JUST TRY
GOING TO A
MEETING.

AS A WRITER,
YOU SHOULD
BE ABLE TO
UNDERSTAND
AT LEAST
THAT MUCH.

BUT THE
TRUTH IS,
THERE'S
NO REAL
REASON
TO PUT IT
OFF.

WELL THEN,
HOW ABOUT
THIS GIRL?

NOT
REALLY.

IF YOU'RE
WILLING TO
TAKE THE
FIRST STEP.

FATE
CAN ONLY
HELP
YOU...

HER MOTHER
WAS A STUDENT
OF MINE WHEN
SHE WAS
YOUNGER.
SHE'S IN
ANOTHER
COUNTRY
RIGHT NOW,
THOUGH.

OR COULD
IT BE THERE'S
ALREADY
SOMEONE
YOU HAVE
IN MIND?



I'M SURE
THAT GIRL
FEELS THE
SAME WAY.

FOR YOUR
OWN SAKE...
YOU NEED
TO TAKE
YOUR LIFE
MORE
SERIOUSLY.



SURE.

PHEW.
IT'S
HOT!

SHOULD
WE HAVE
LUNCH
NOW?

I KNOW.



IT'S A
WASTE
IF YOU
DON'T
GET TO
RELAX.

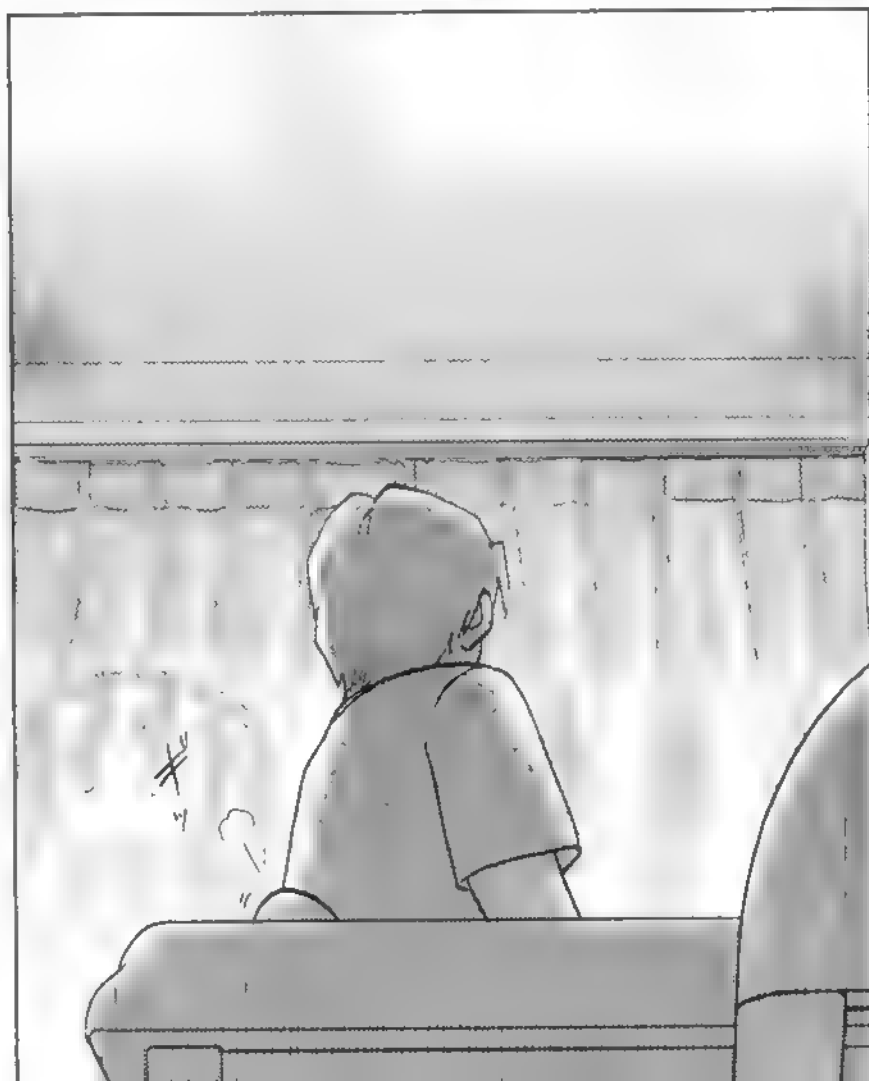
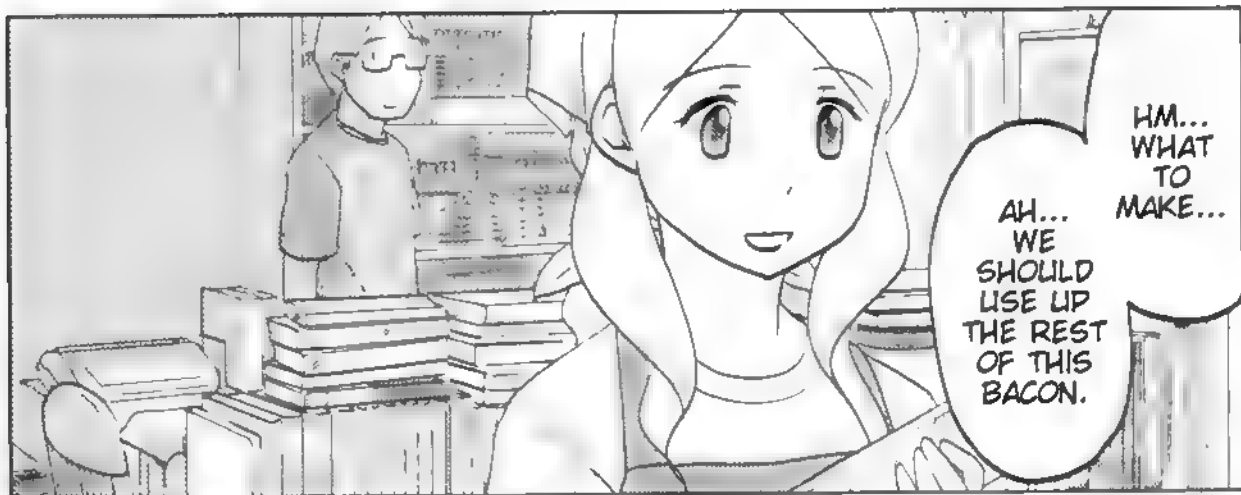
IT'S
FINALLY
YOUR
DAY
OFF.



I JUST
FINISHED
MY LATEST
BOOK,
AFTER
ALL.

I
SHOULD
MAKE IT
TODAY.

HM?
I'M FINE
WITH
MAKING
IT.



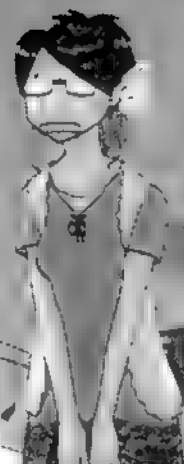


I WAS SO
EXCITED
ALL I
HEARD
WAS
"DATE"
...

I'M
SO
SORRY
...

BUT YOUR
SITUATION
CAN'T BE
HELPED.
YOU'LL JUST
HAVE TO
PRETEND YOU'RE
ORDINARY
FRIENDS.

YEAH,
YEAH...



WE'RE IN
LUCK.
IT LOOKS
LIKE OUR
ENEMIES
DIDN'T
RECOGNIZE
HER.

AH...

TRUTHFULLY,
I'M REALLY
NOT CRAZY
ABOUT
BEING
STUDENT
COUNCIL
PRESIDENT
ANYWAYS.



DON'T FEEL
BAD...
IT WAS
A PRETTY
SELFISH
THING TO
ASK OF YOU
TO BEGIN
WITH.



BUT...
DON'T
YOU
LIKE
IT?

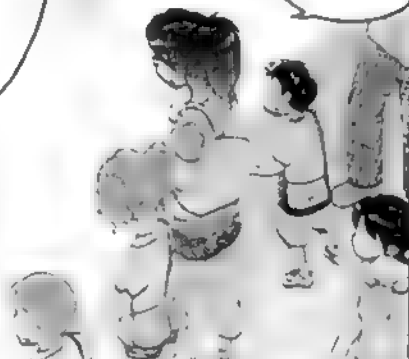


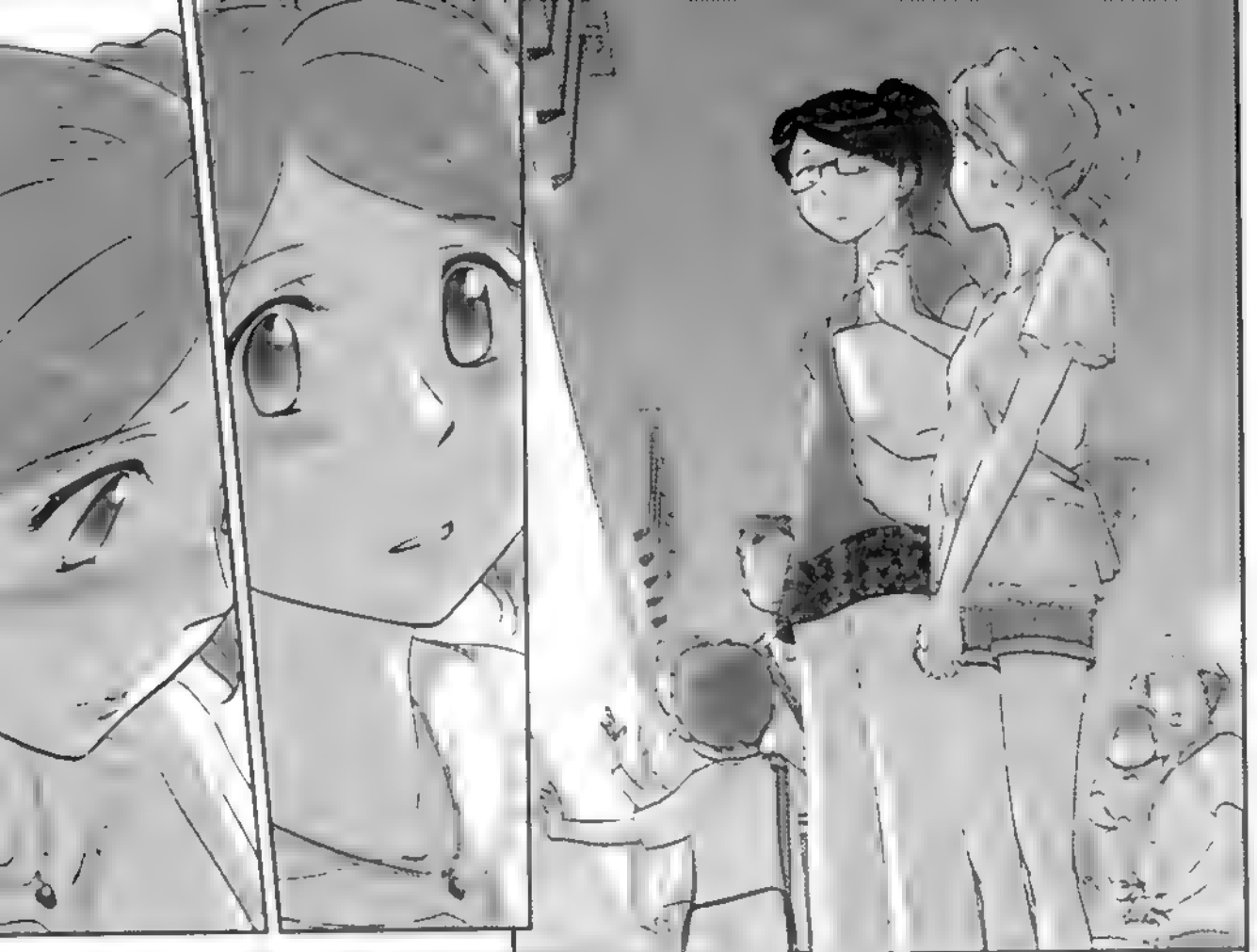
Gloom

WHAT
WILL YOU
DO IF THE
OTHER
KIDS AT
SCHOOL
FIND OUT
ABOUT
YOU?

That's
fine
It's
what I
deserve

YOU'RE
THE
ONE WHO
SHOULD
WORRY.





I'M
WEIRD,
AREN'T
I?

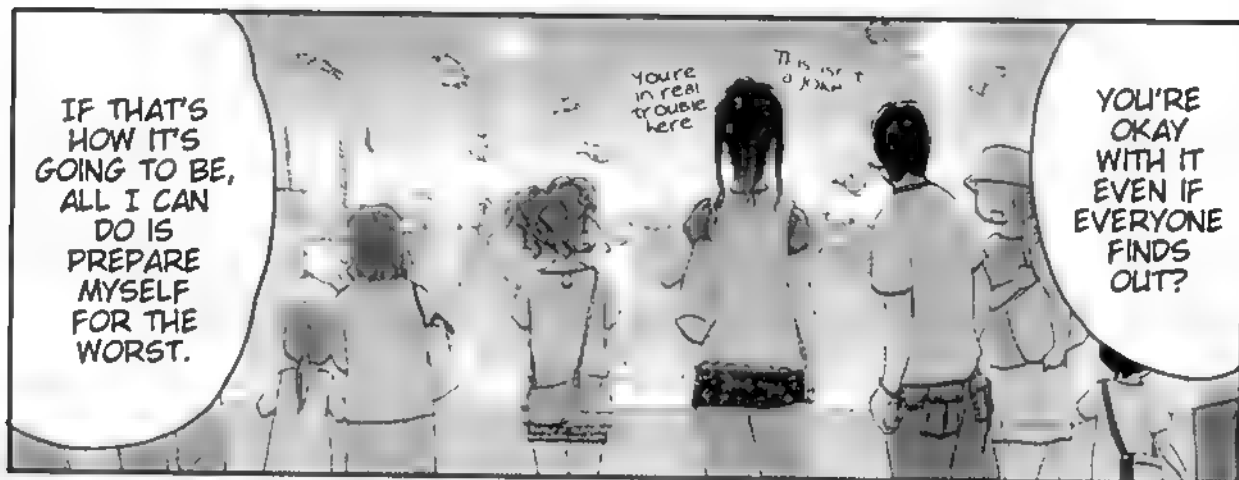
I KNEW
IT...

LYING TO
MYSELF
WON'T
ACCOMPLISH
ANYTHING.

BUT NOW,
ALL THAT
JUST FEELS
FUTILE...

I'VE BEEN
TRYING
NOT TO
THINK
ABOUT THIS
KIND OF
THING AND
PUT IT
BEHIND
ME...

EVER
SINCE
THAT
HAPPENED
...







WH...
WHAT
DO
YOU
MEAN!?

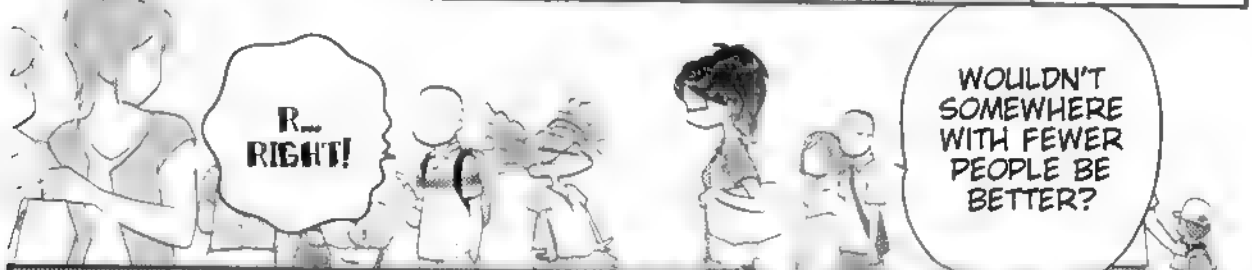
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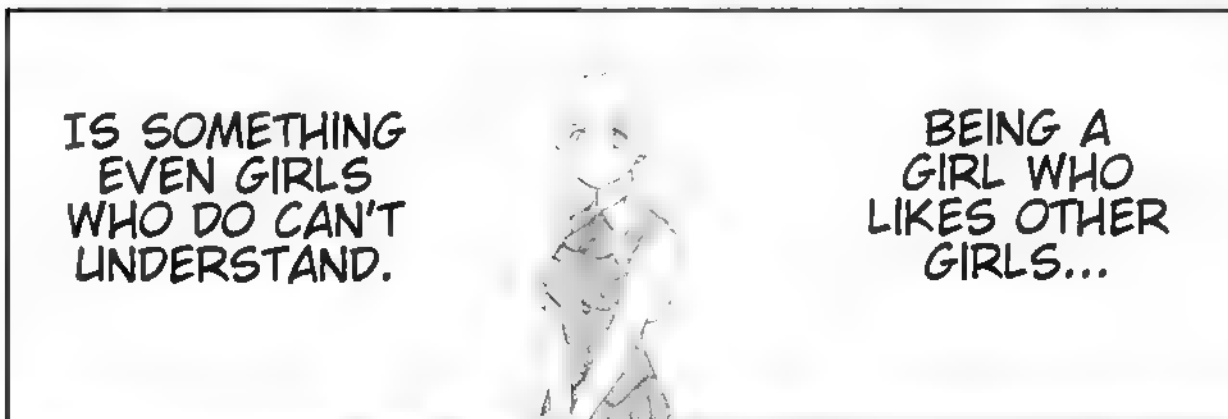


EVEN IF
IT'S JUST
AN ACT...

TO HAVE
MURASAME-KUN
SAY "I'M NOT
INTO THAT"...







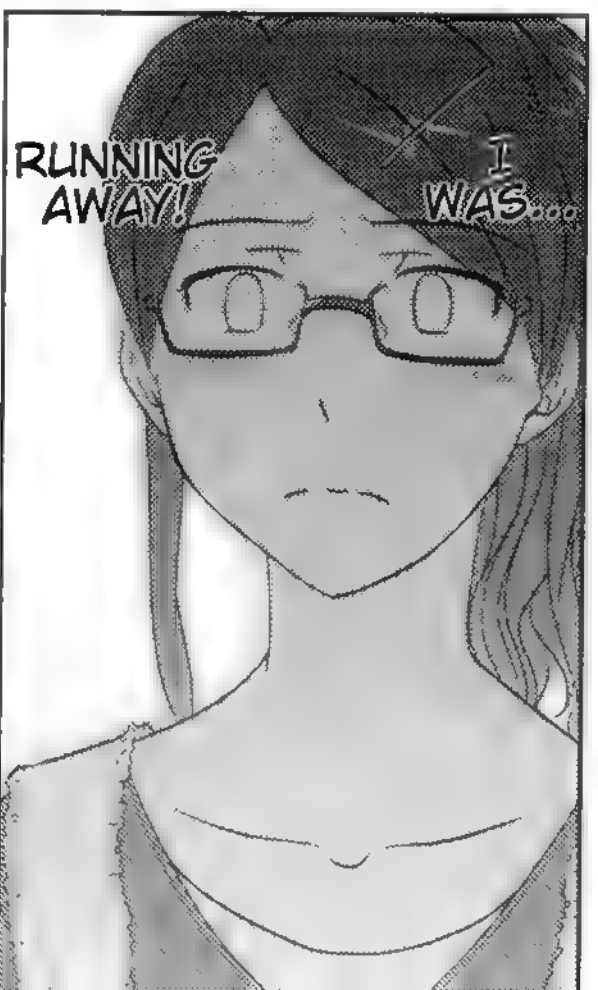
THAT'S
WHY I
FROZE UP
BACK THEN...

BUT I'M
STILL TOO
SCARED TO
SEVER
MYSELF
FROM THAT
WORLD.



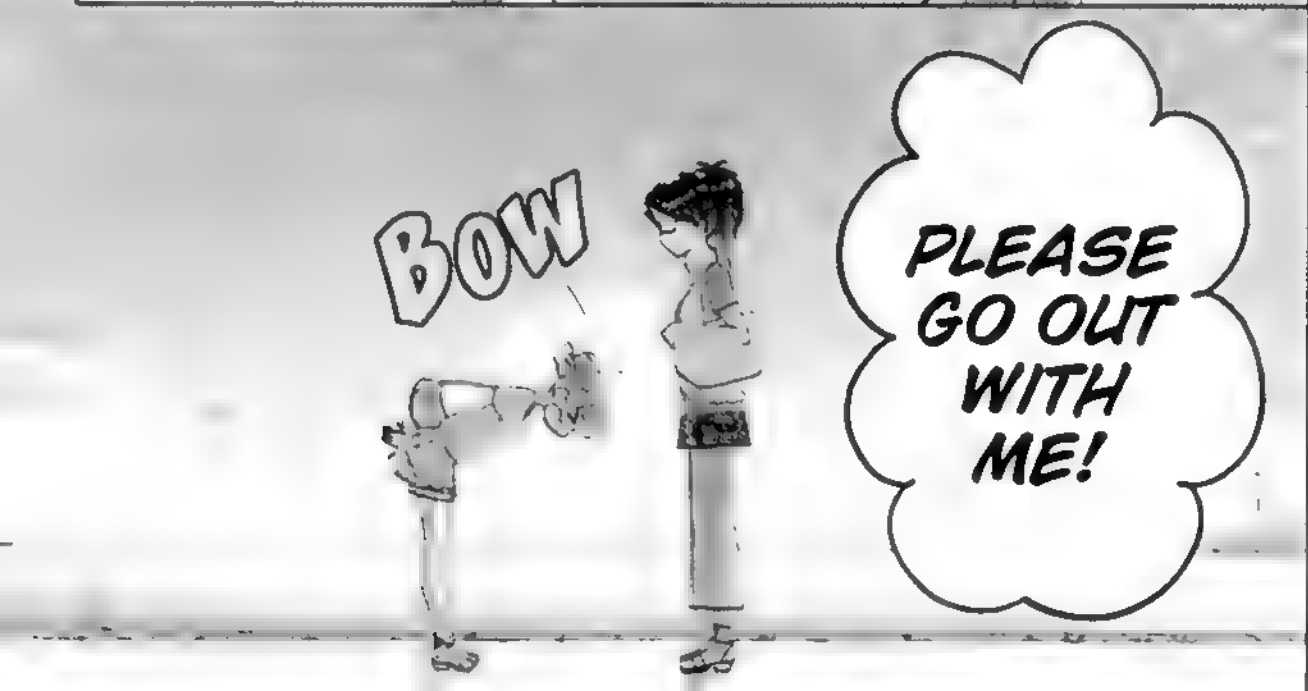
THIS
IS IT!

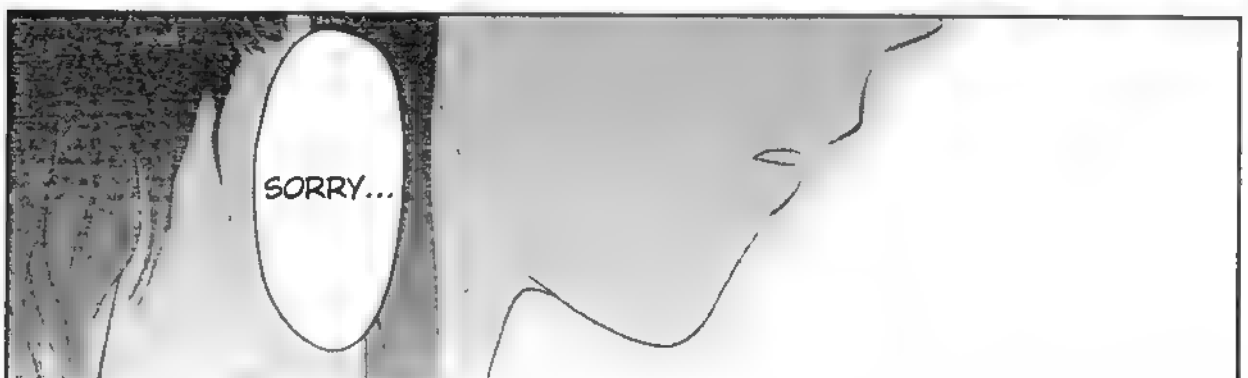
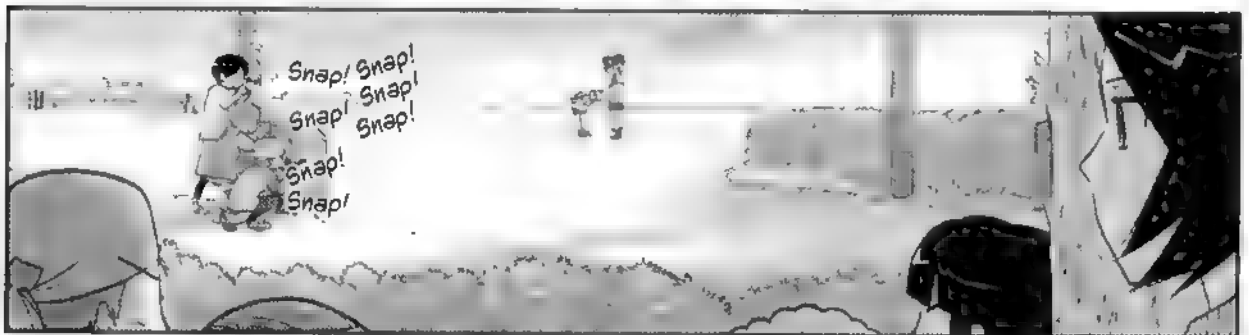
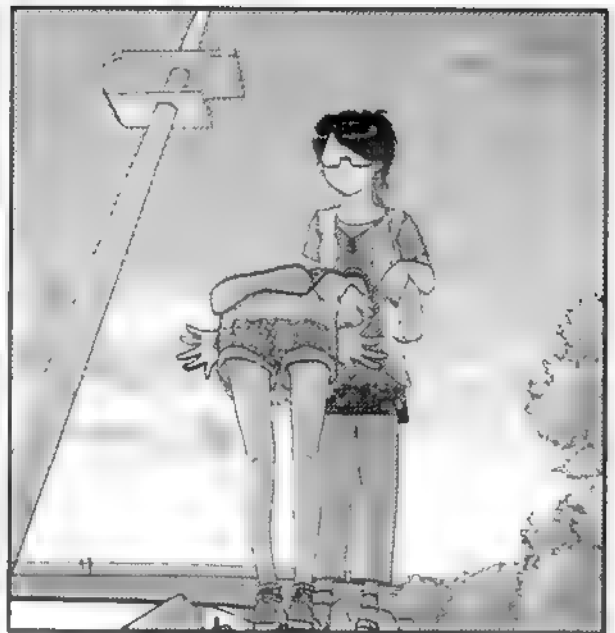
ONCE THEY
GET A FEW
PHOTOS,
WE TAKE
'EM DOWN!



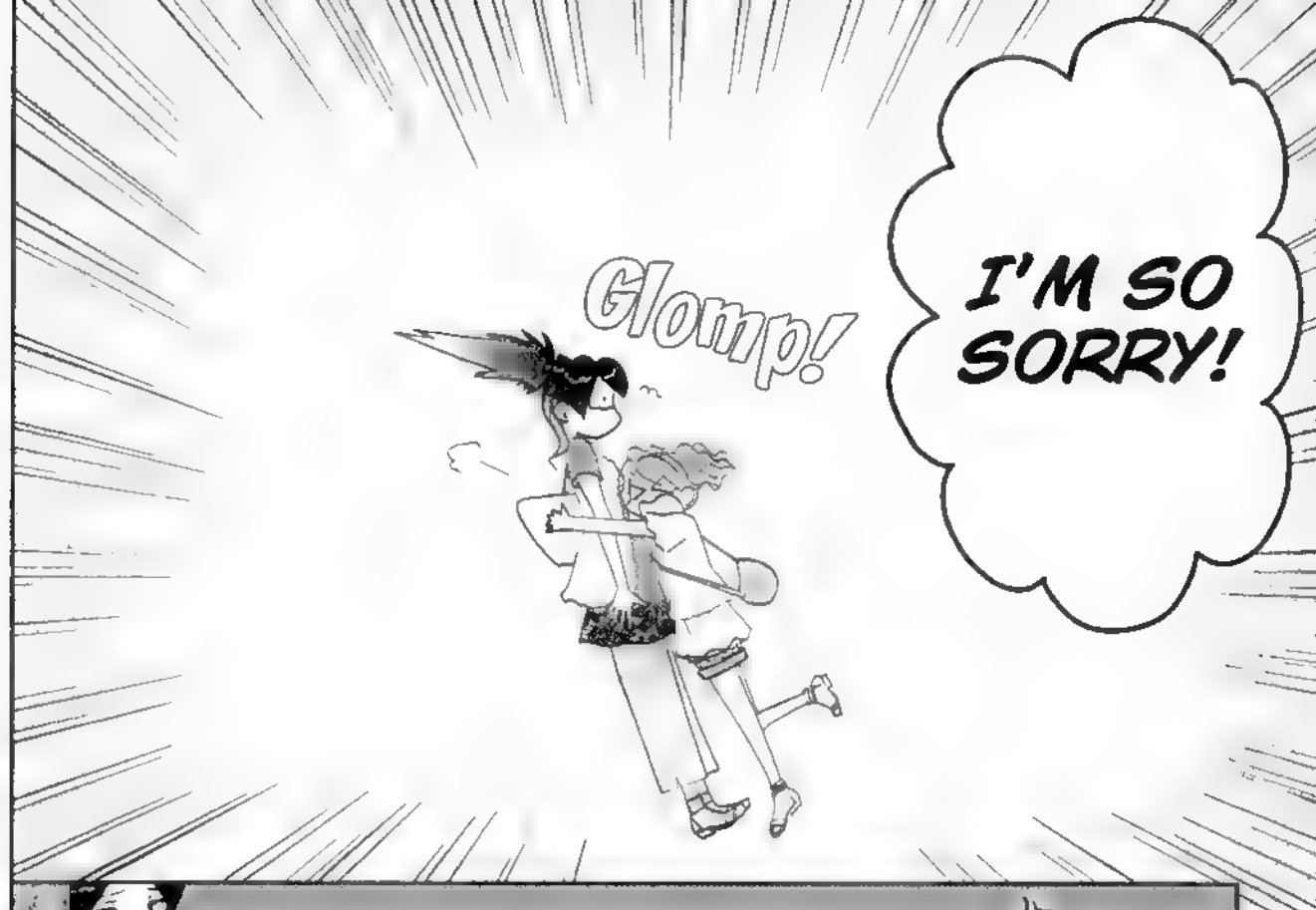
RUNNING
AWAY!

I
WAS...





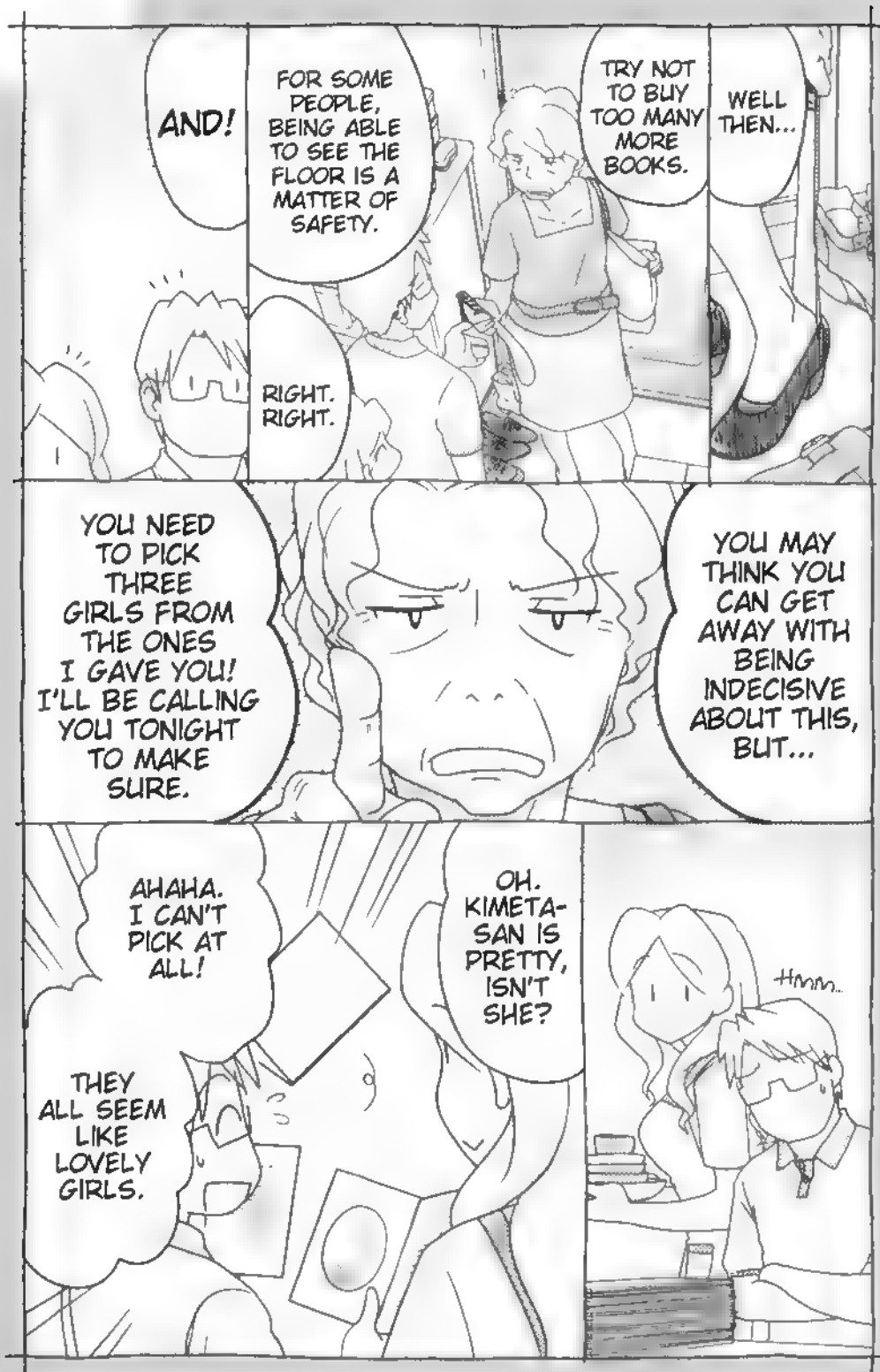




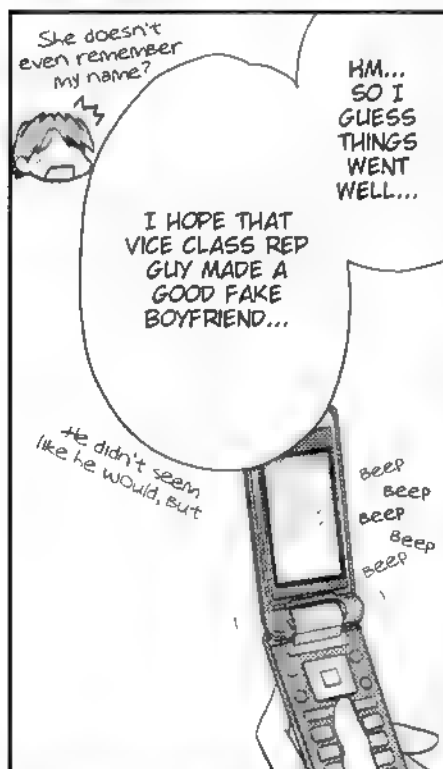
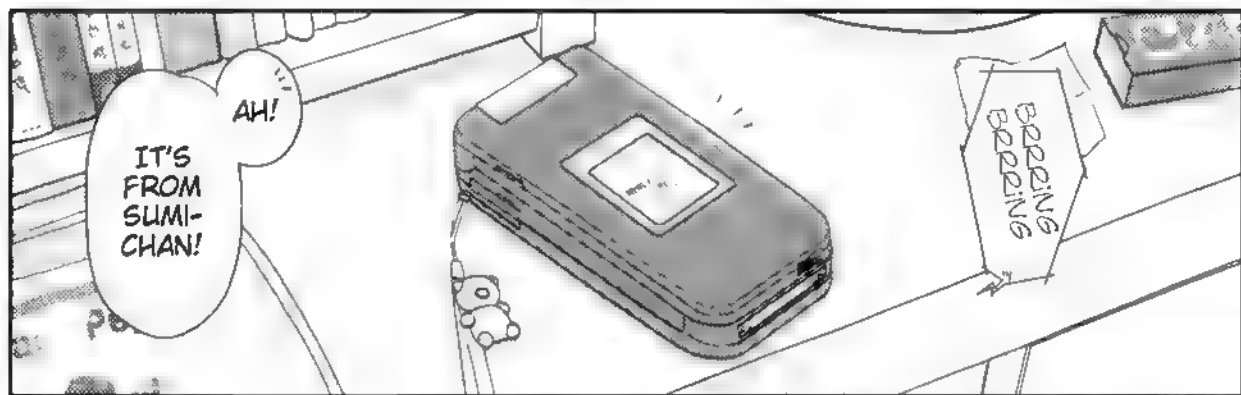
THEY
MIGHT
BE...



I HOPE
THINGS
ARE GOING
WELL FOR
SUMI-CHAN
AND THE
OTHERS...







Part 42 determination

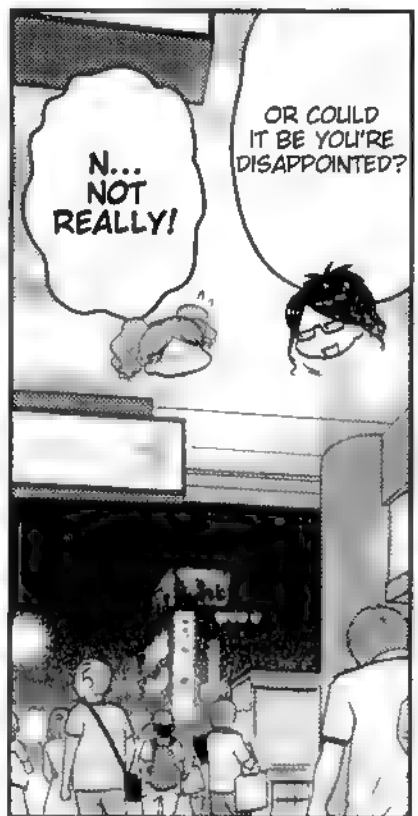
GOING TO
MEET HER
AT THE
STATION.
SHOULD BE
OKAY
RIGHT?

SHE SAID
IT WAS OVER,
AND THAT
EVERYTHING
WENT WELL
SO...

WHERE'S
DINNER?



HM?







ISN'T IT FUNNY?

AHAHA



SURPRISED?

I WAS...

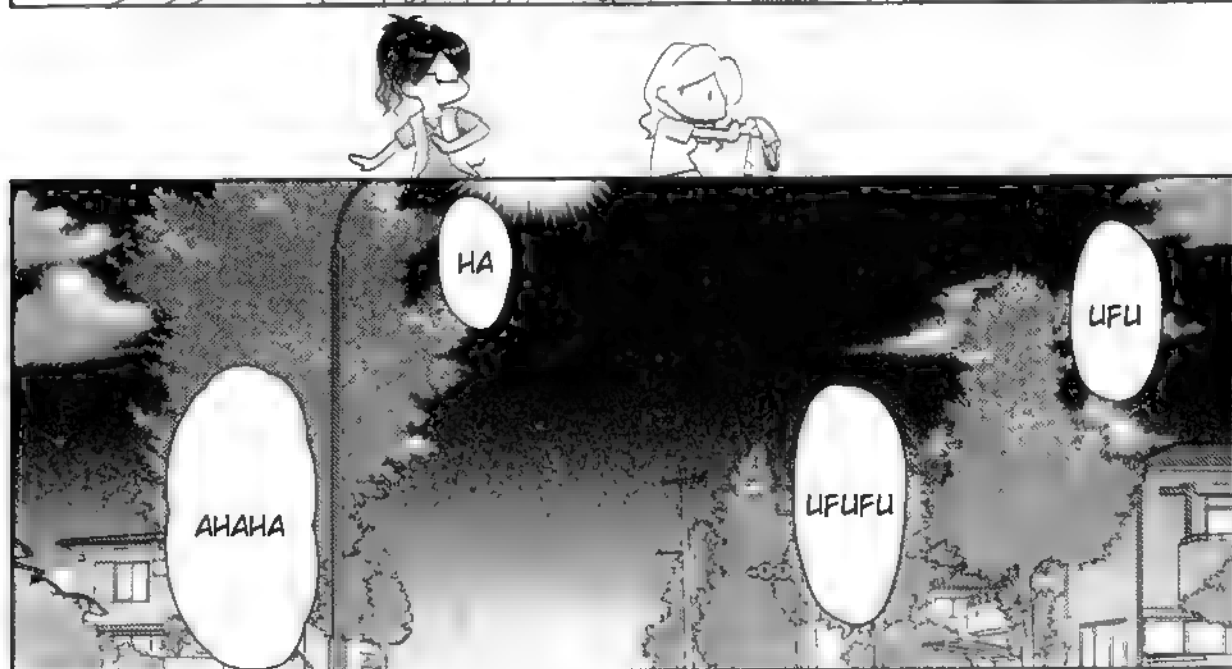
Yeah
I thought
you'd be
it!

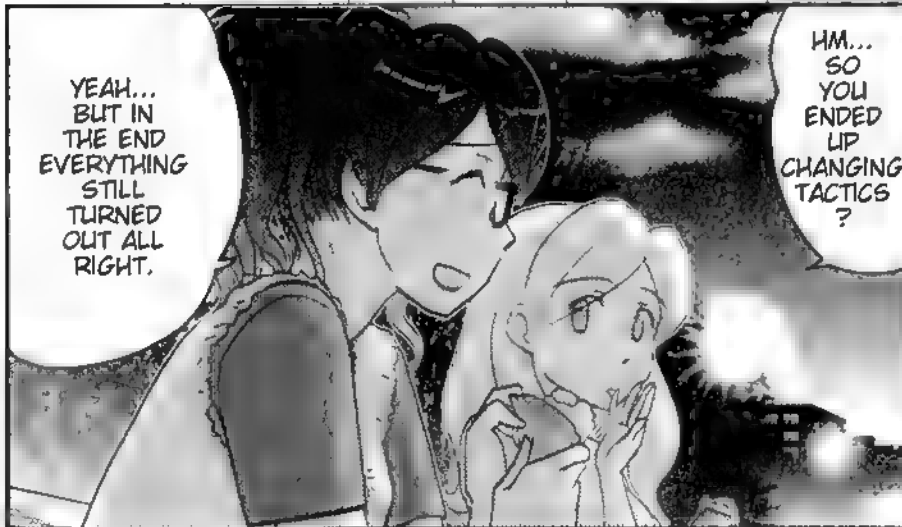


AND I HAD
ABSOLUTELY
NO IDEA THE
WHOLE TIME!
REALLY, HOW
COULD I
HAVE BEEN
SO BLIND?

AND ON
TOP OF
THAT, A
BOY WHO
WAS RIGHT
UNDER MY
NOSE!

THAT THE
GIRL I
WAS SO
CRAZY
ABOUT
TURNED
OUT TO
BE A
BOY ALL
ALONG...











I WILL
ALWAYS
PROTECT
YOU.

I'M JUST
TALKING
TOUGH.

Doki

Squeeze

PROTECT
HER? HOW?
FROM WHAT?

Doki

NO...

Blush

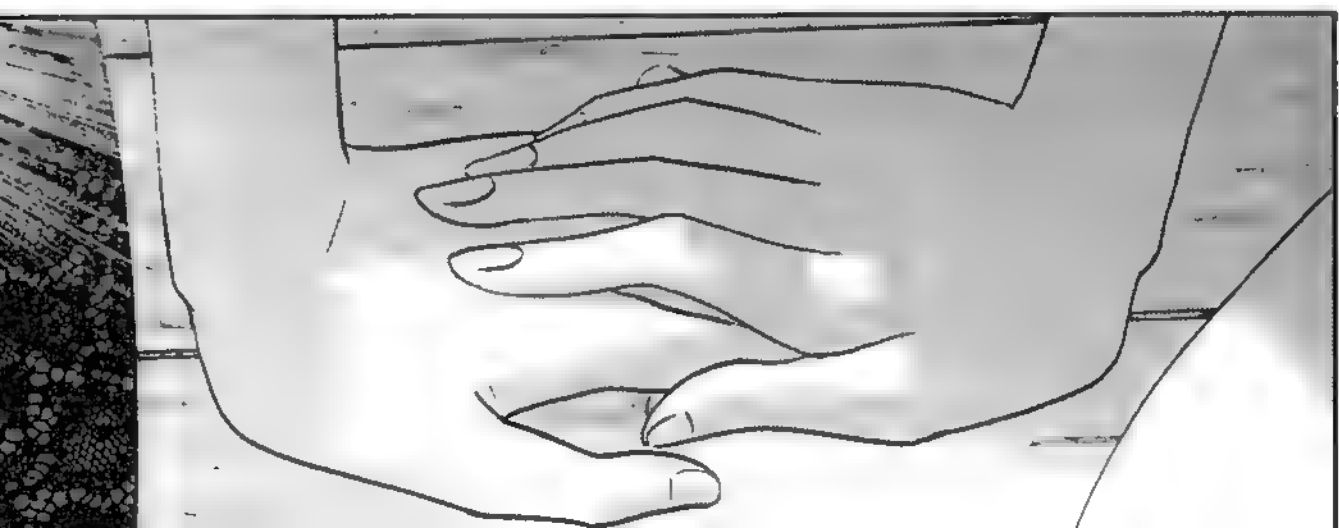
Doki





I'M JUST
TRYING TO
LOOK COOL!

I KNEW
IT!
I'M BEING
STUPID!





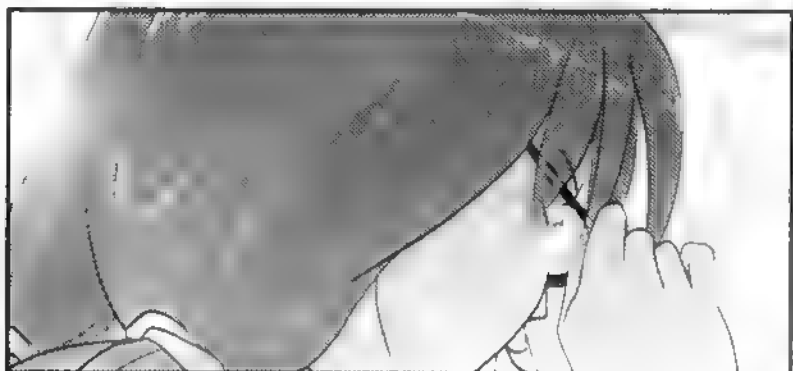
"IT'S
OKAY."

"YOU DON'T
NEED TO SAY
ANYTHING
MORE."

KAZAMA'S
TENDER
TOUCH AND
ENDLESSLY
DEEP EYES
CONVEYED
TO ME.

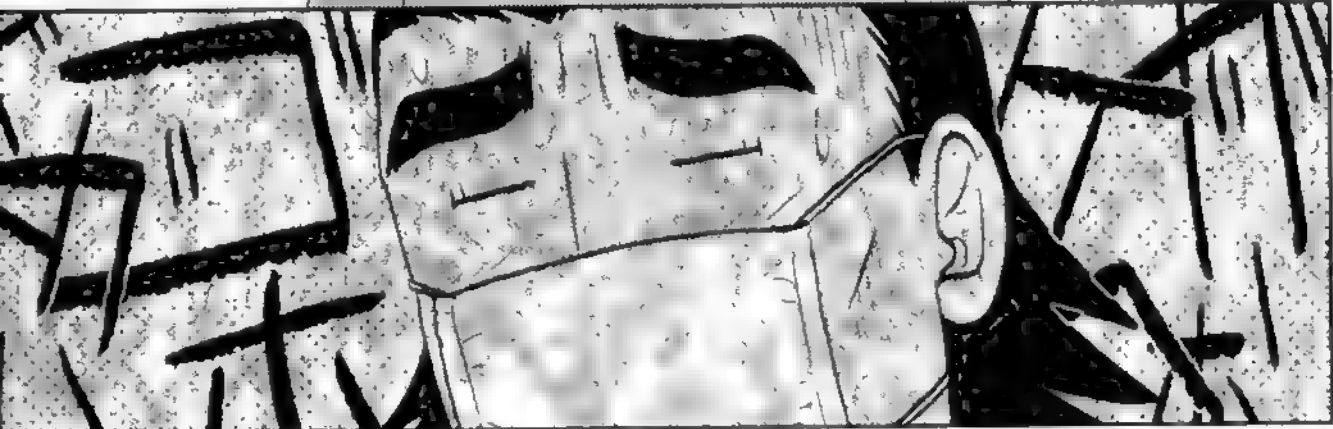
ON THAT
COOL SUMMER
NIGHT...
THOSE WERE
THE WORDS...







ALRIGHT!



MAYBE THE MORNING ISN'T THE RIGHT TIME TO TALK ABOUT IT.

WELL ...



I can only be up for a bit. but...

Cough!

Aah... Today is the...

Cough!
Cough!

Student council election day, right?

I came to wish you good luck.

Cough!

Cough!

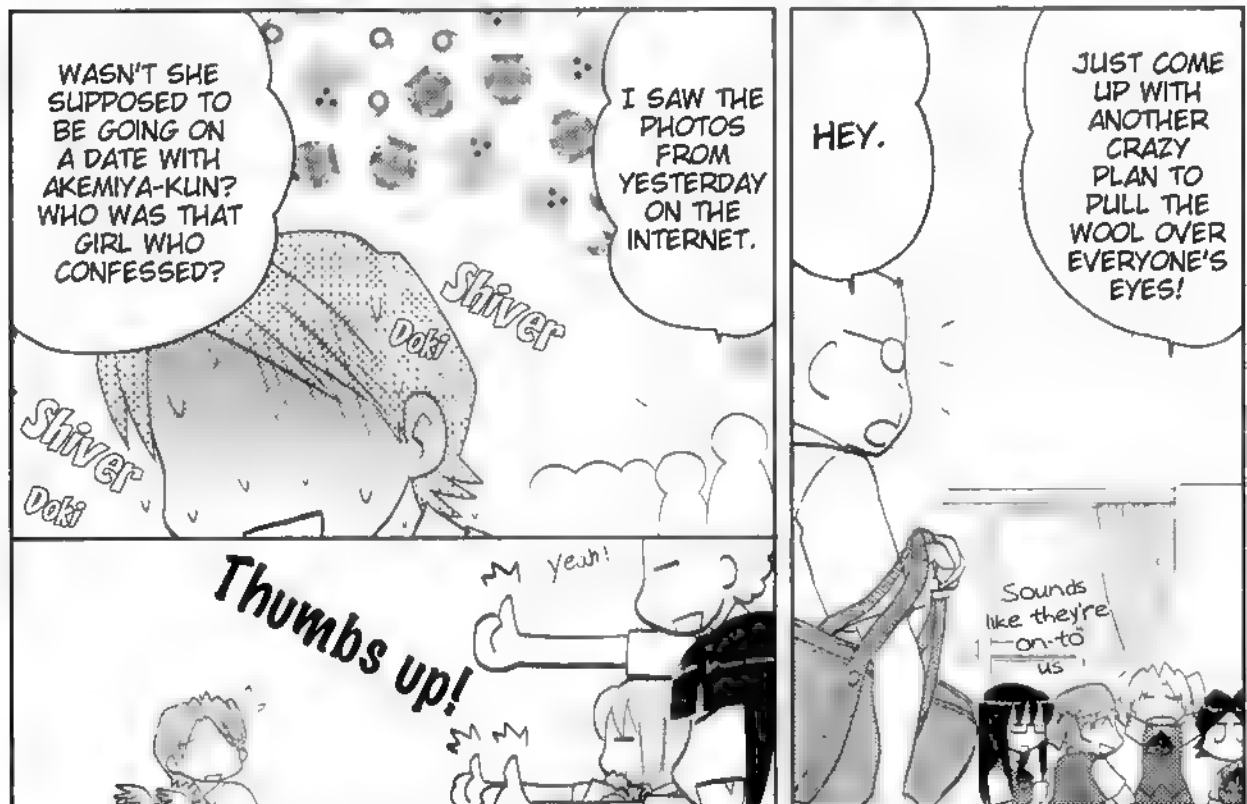
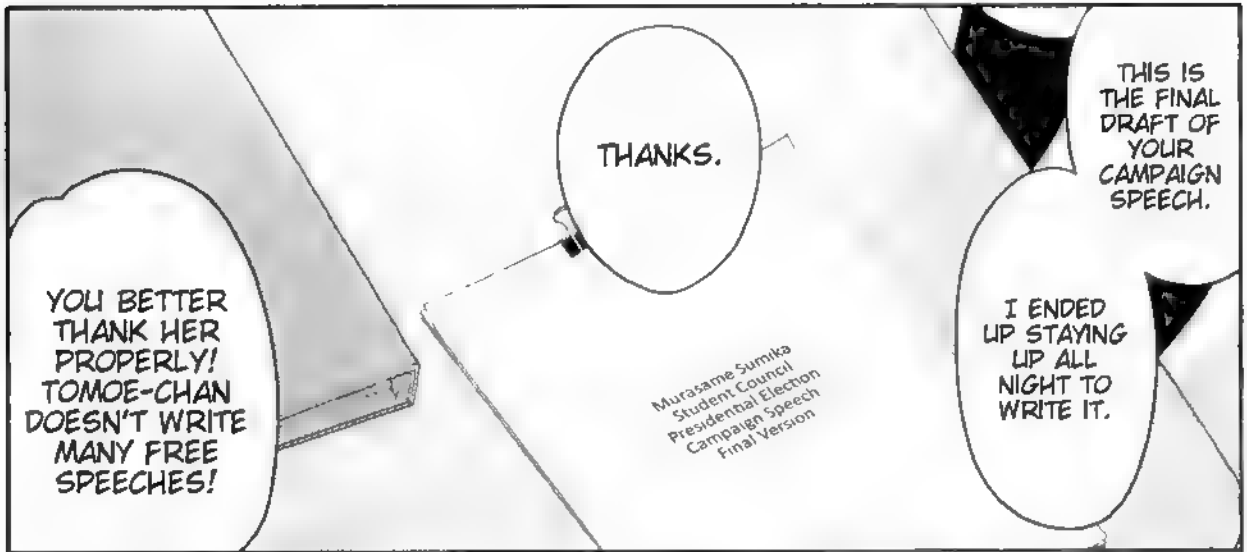
Cough!



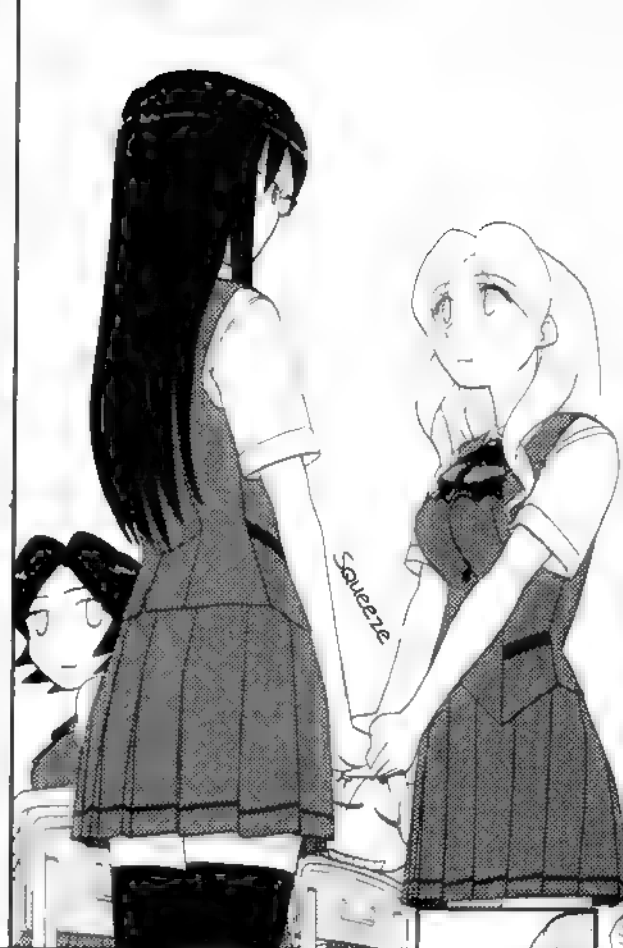






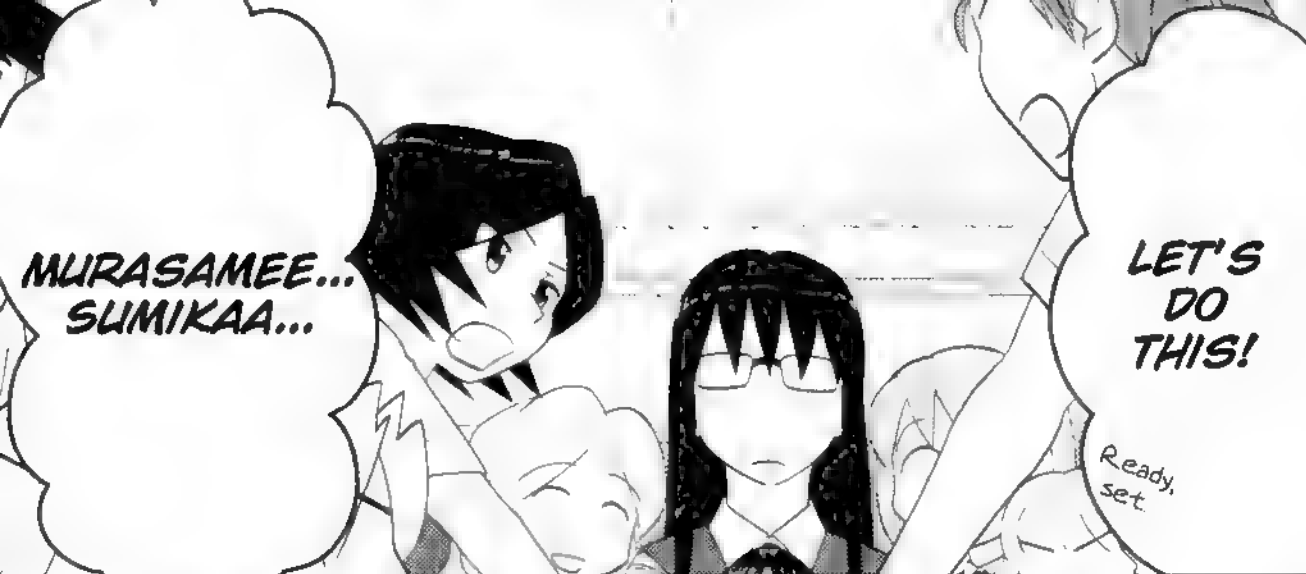






Social Klutz Kgori-chan





MURASAMEE...
SUMIKAA...

LET'S
DO
THIS!

Ready,
set.

FIGHT!!

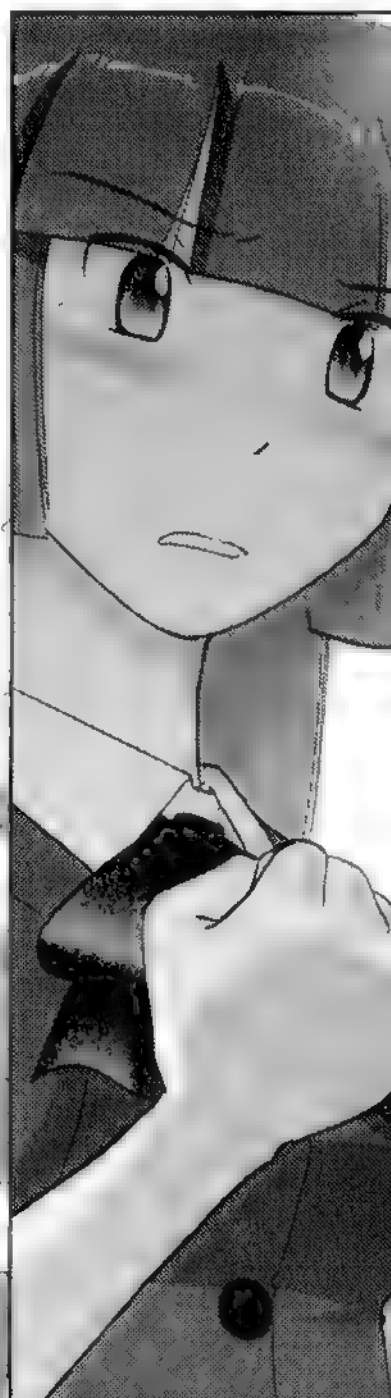


Yeeeeee ahhh!!

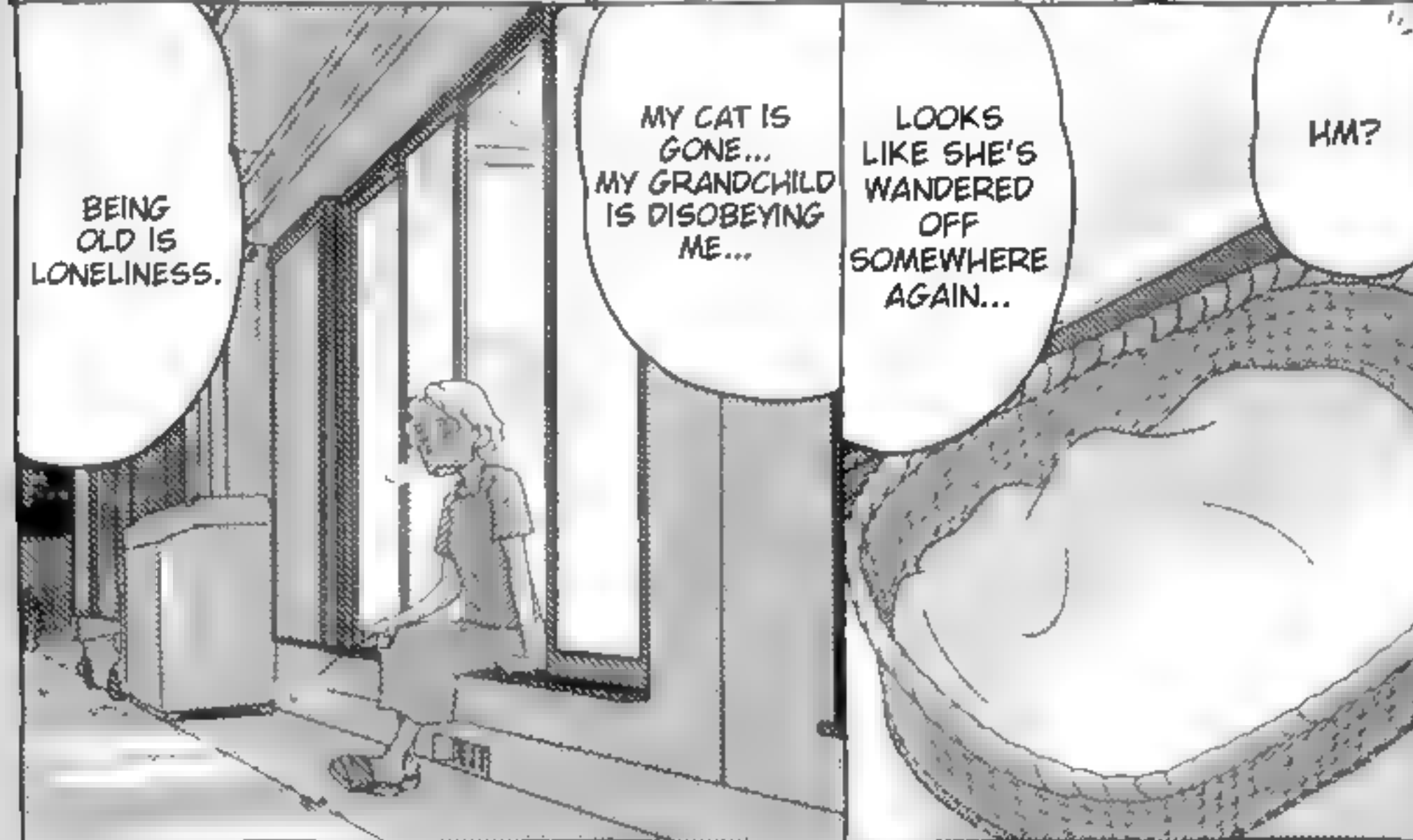
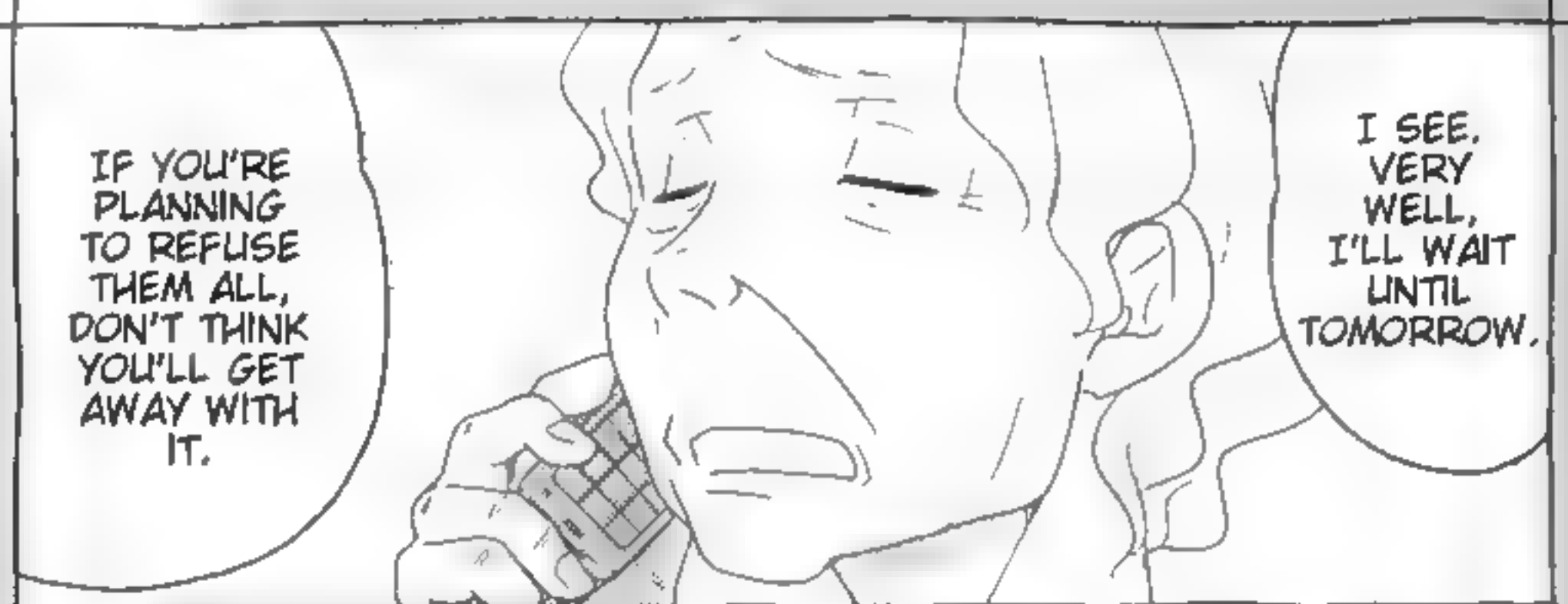


AK
PLEASE
REPORT TO
THE STAFF
ROOM
IMMEDIATELY.

ROUND
WOULD THE
REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE GIRL'S
KARATE CLUB,
MURASAME
SUMIKA...



Useless
Addition #42

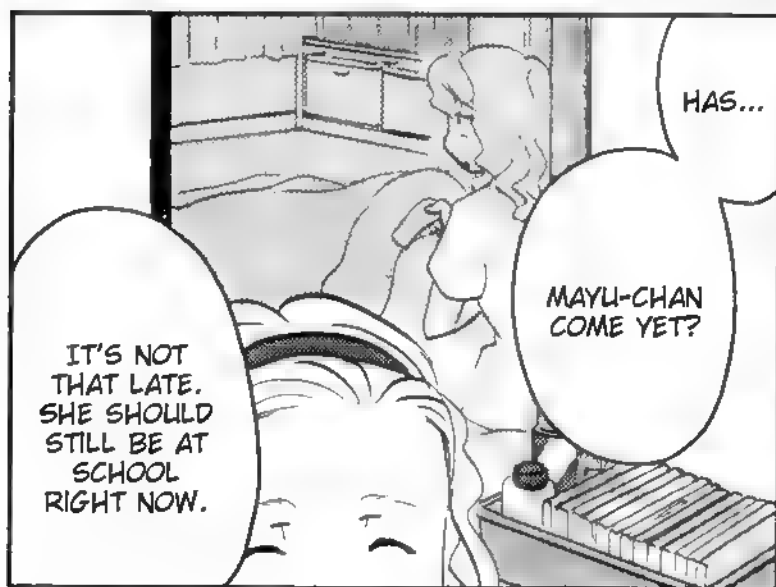
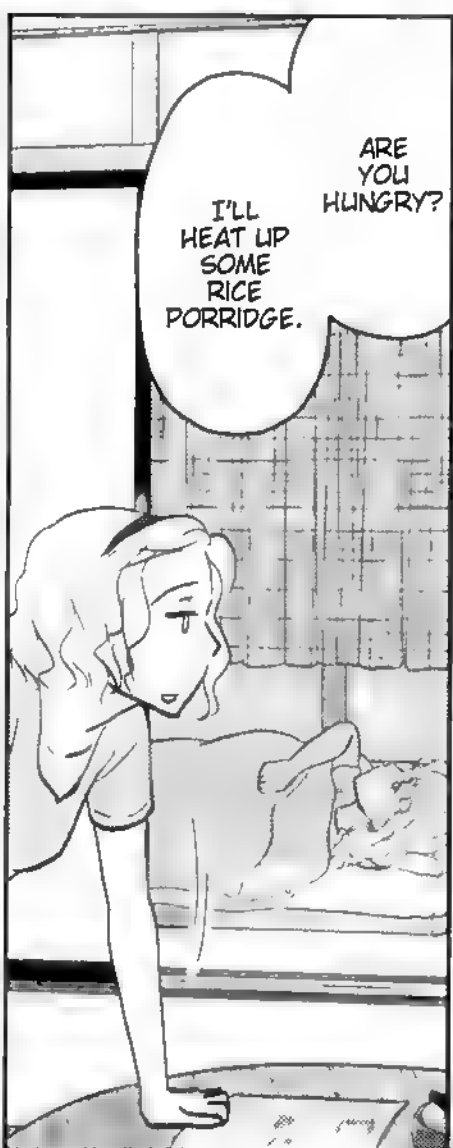
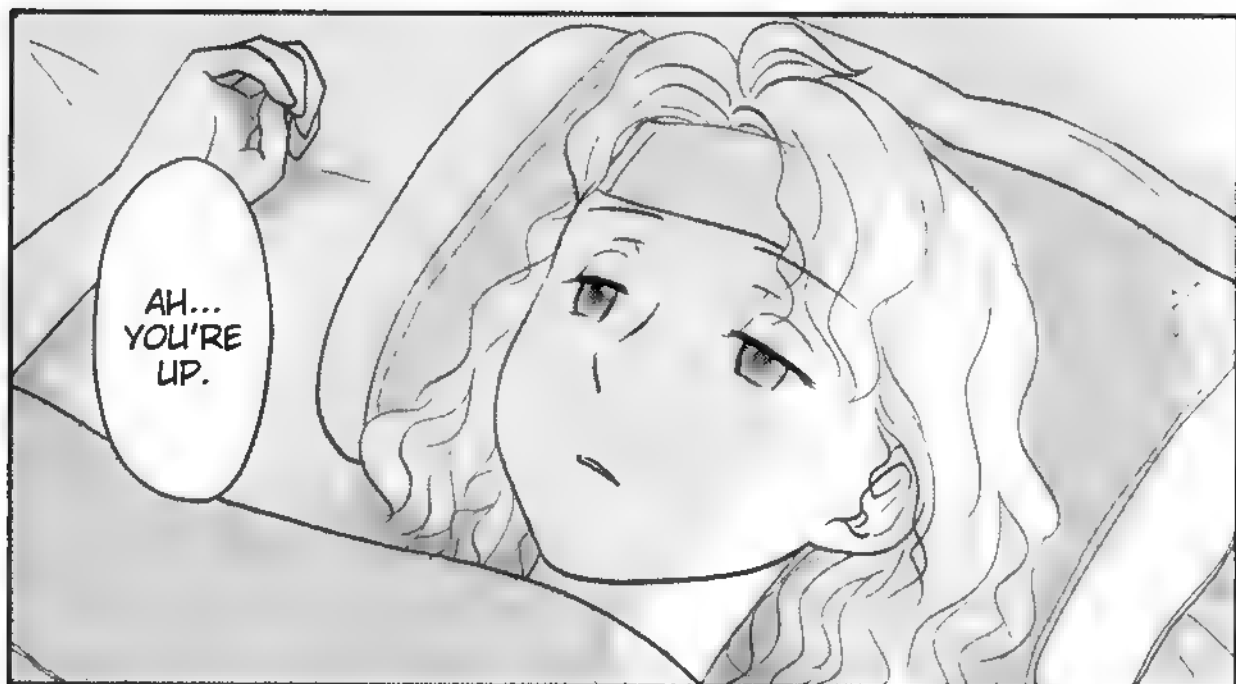




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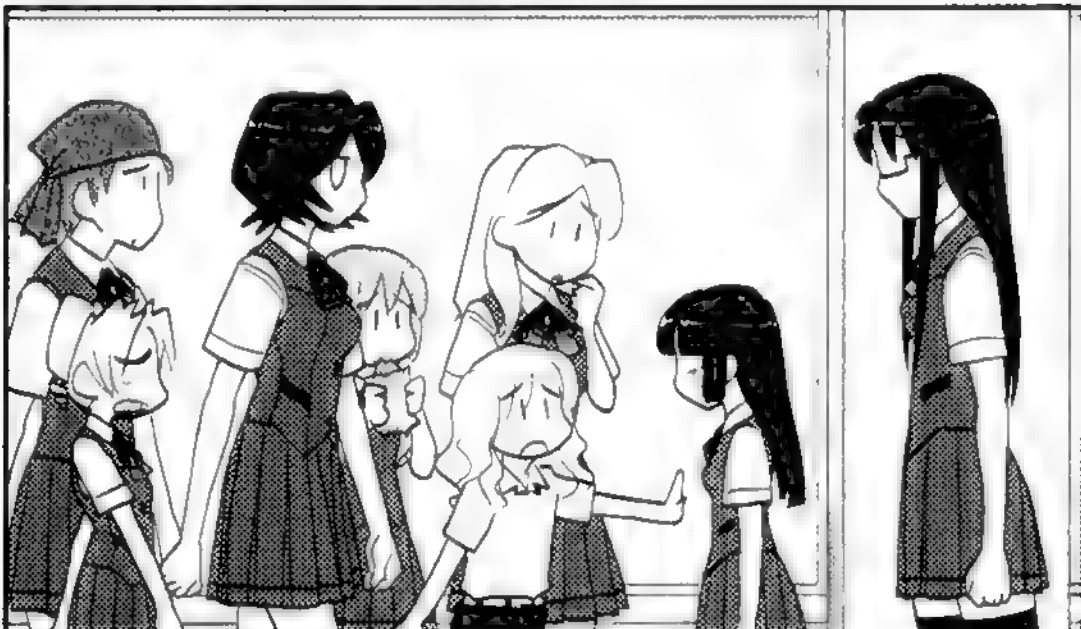
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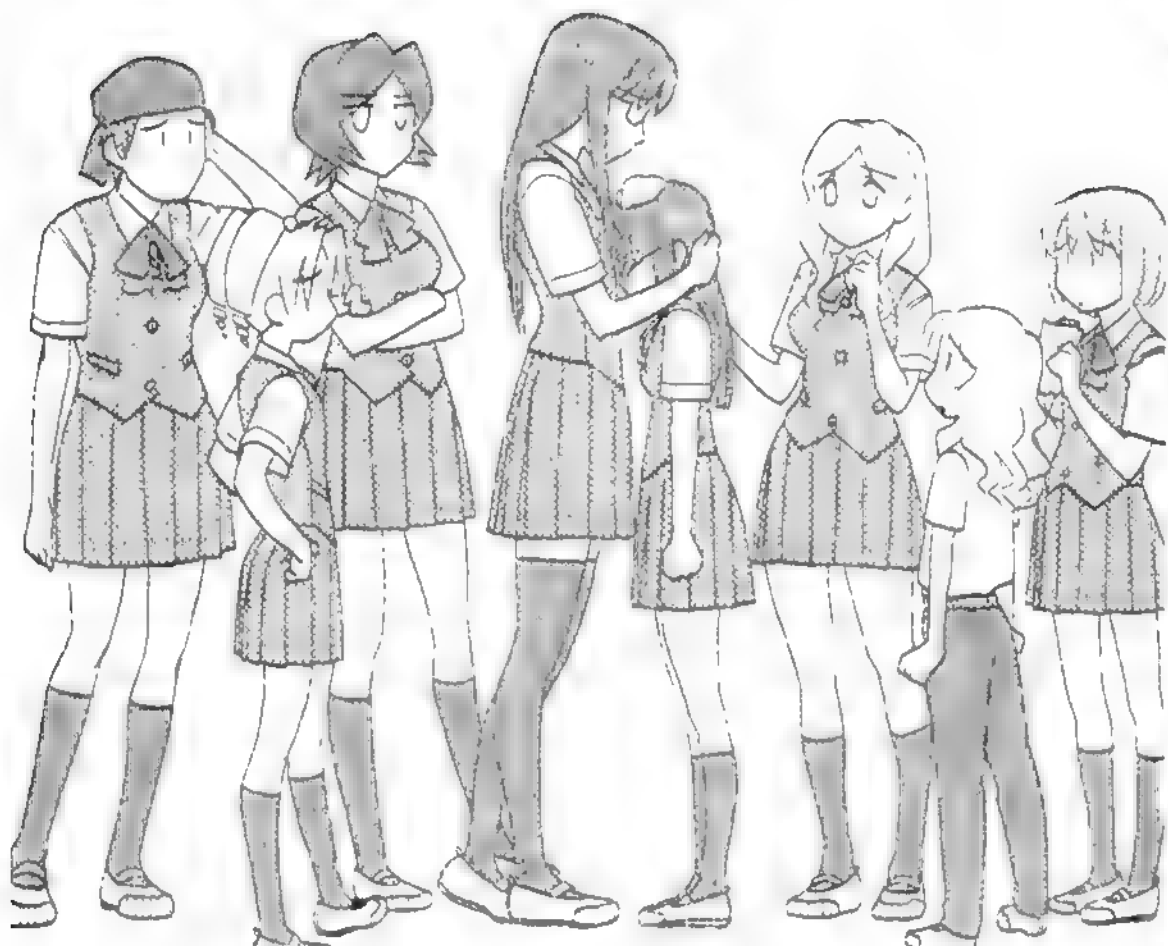




NOTE: THEY APPEAR TO BE WATCHING THE TV DRAMA "MITO KOUIMON"

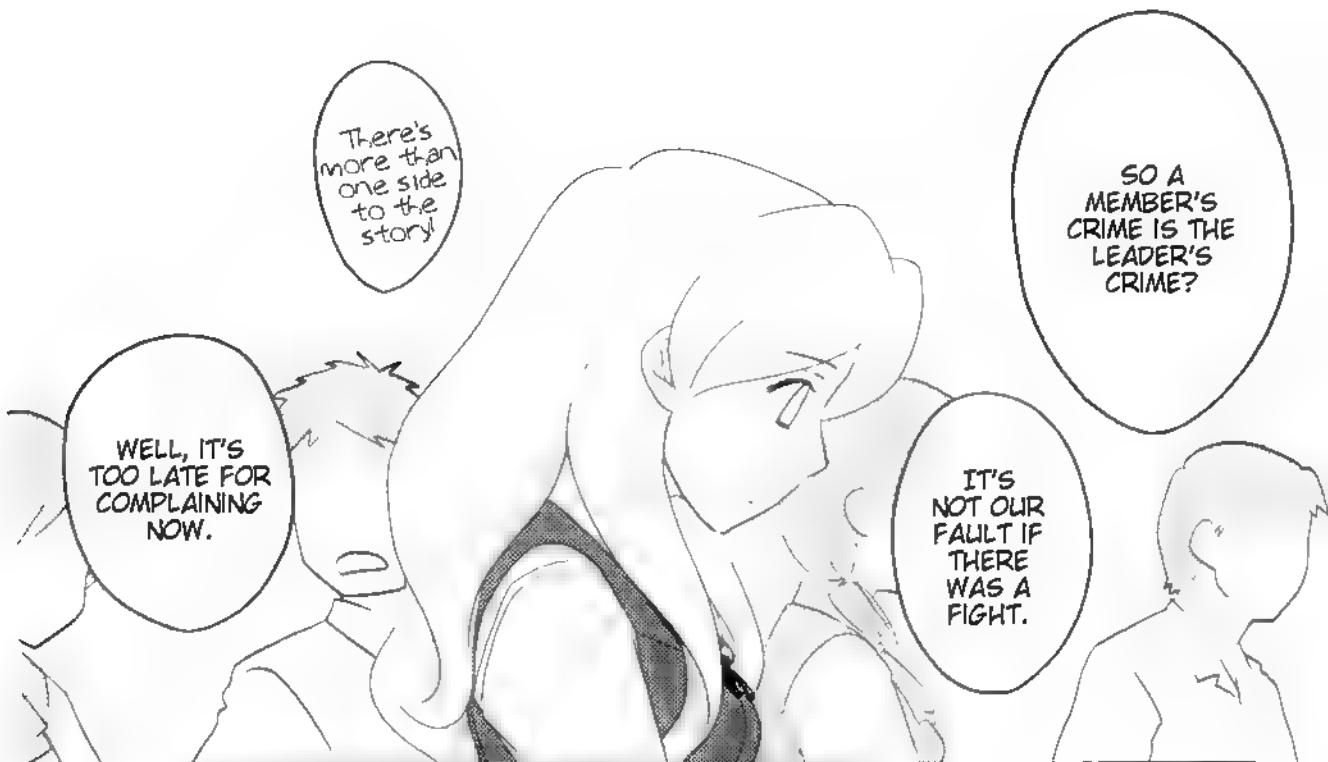












There's more than one side to the story!

SO A MEMBER'S CRIME IS THE LEADER'S CRIME?

WELL, IT'S TOO LATE FOR COMPLAINING NOW.

IT'S NOT OUR FAULT IF THERE WAS A FIGHT.



HEY, I'VE GOT A CLASS TO TEACH HERE.

YOU SAID IT.

MORE IMPORTANTLY, I CAN'T BELIEVE GIRLS OLD ENOUGH TO BE IN HIGH SCHOOL WOULD STILL BE BULLYING.

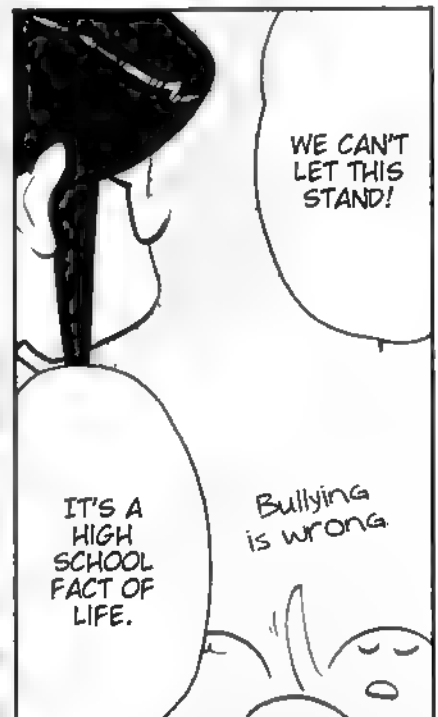


ALSO, YOU SECOND YEARS BETTER SET A GOOD EXAMPLE BY BEHAVING YOURSELVES!

BUT ISN'T THE ELECTION SUPPOSED TO BE ABOUT CHANGING THE SCHOOL?

Uwa! Scary!

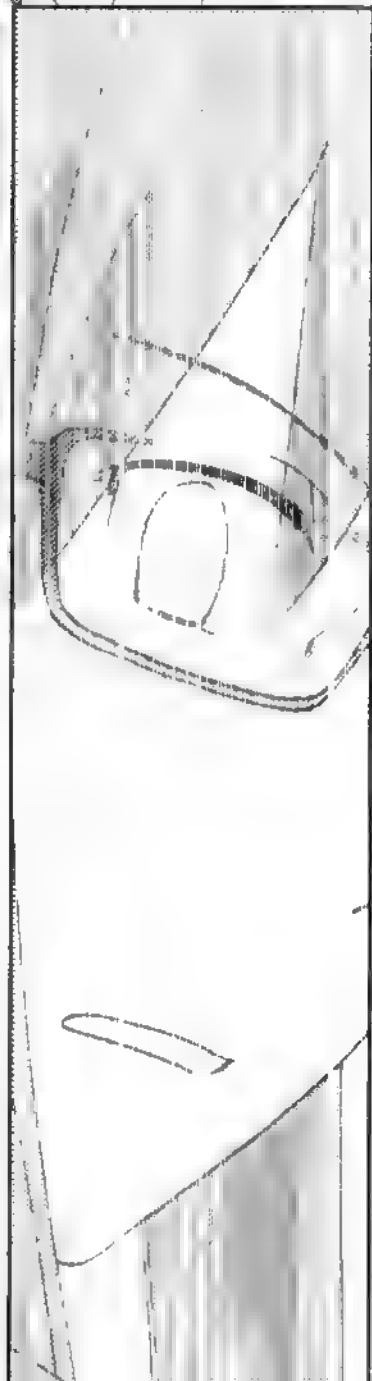
AH...



WE CAN'T LET THIS STAND!

IT'S A HIGH SCHOOL FACT OF LIFE.

Bullying is wrong







BUT, JUST WHAT KIND OF ACT WAS IT?

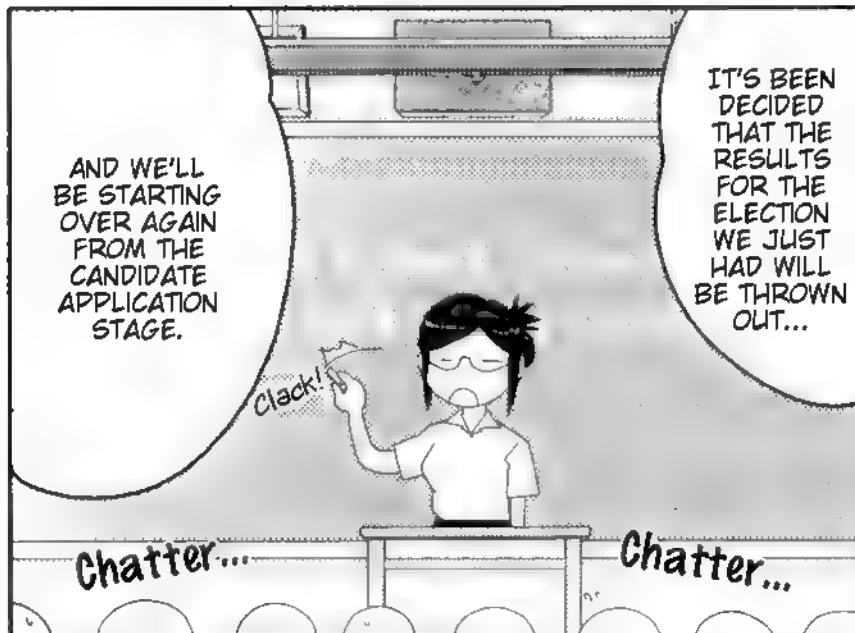


WAS IT DELIBERATE?
WAS IT JUST IN THE
HEAT OF THE MOMENT?
WAS IT HER NORMAL
BEHAVIOUR?





OR WAS HER
"ACT OF
VIOLENCE"
SIMPLY THE
FACT THAT
SHE LIKED
SOMEONE?



DOESN'T NEED TO BLAME HERSELF!?

THIS MEANS SEMIMARU-SAN...







**DAMN!
I CAN'T
STAND
THIS!**

GRRRRRRRRRR!!

**AAAAH!
JEEZ!**

Stomp! Stomp! Stomp! Stomp!

**EVEN THOUGH
IT WAS FOR
MY SAKE THAT
SHE GOT SO
MAD ABOUT
SOMETHING
THAT HAS
NOTHING TO
DO WITH HER!**

**THE WAY
THINGS ARE,
IT'S A
COMPLETE
VICTORY FOR
THE GIRLS
WHO BULLIED
SEMIMARU-
SAN!**

WAS IT
AT THE
END OF
THE
FESTIVAL

...
THAT SHE
PICKED
THAT TRAIT
UP?

**THAT'S WHY
THAT BLOCKHEAD
RESORTED TO
VIOLENCE SO
QUICKLY.**

**NO...
IT'S BECAUSE
SEMIMARU-KUN
SEES ANYTHING
RELATED TO
YOU AS IMPORTANT
TO HERSELF THAT
SHE GOT ANGRY.**

Shut
up!

Hey...
calm
down.

Ah...

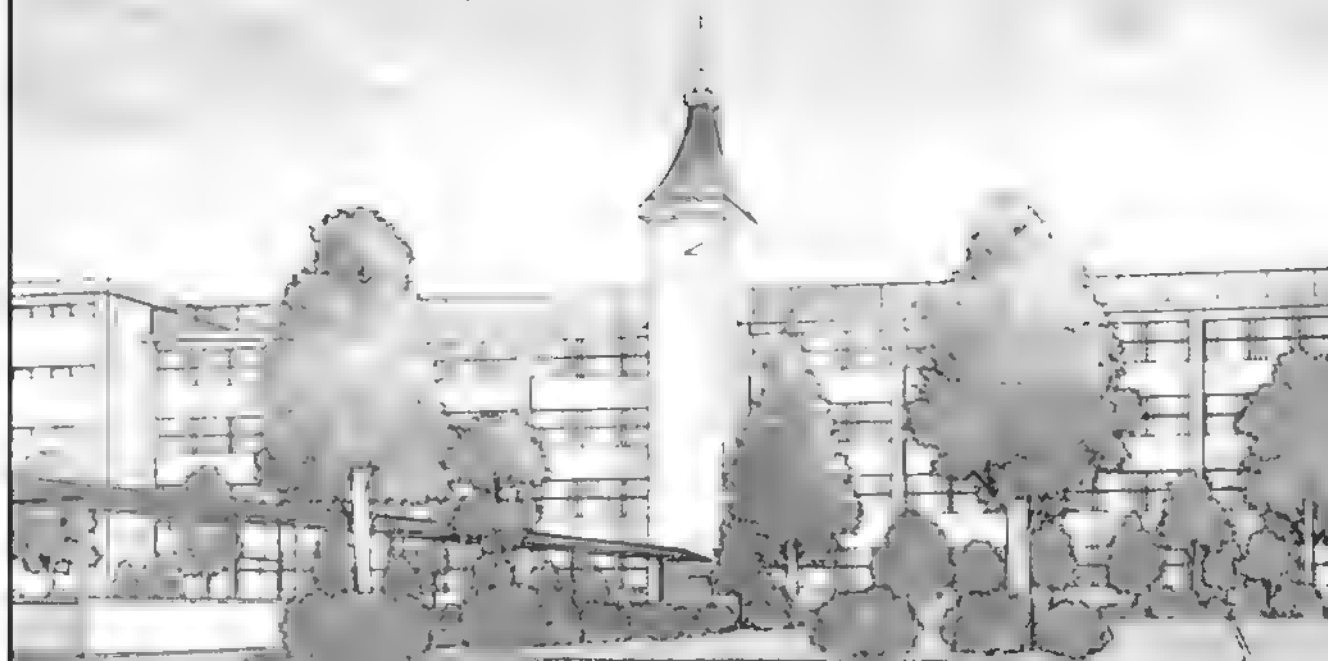
Um...

HOW
ABOUT
I TRY
RUNNING?

WELL,
WHAT
ABOUT
ME?



Eeeeeeeeeeeh!?





IT SHOULD
BE FINE FOR
KAZAMA
TO RUN.

THE NEXT DAY
AH...
SURE.



THEY
SHOULD
HURRY UP
AND GET A
NEW LEADER.

I WOULD'VE
THOUGHT
THE KARATE
CLUB
WOULD
KNOW HOW
TO SHOW
RESTRAINT.

Hahaha



JUST
FILL THIS
OUT AND
SUBMIT
IT.

IN THE
BEGINNING
IT'S JUST
MINOR
MANAGEMENT
DUTIES.

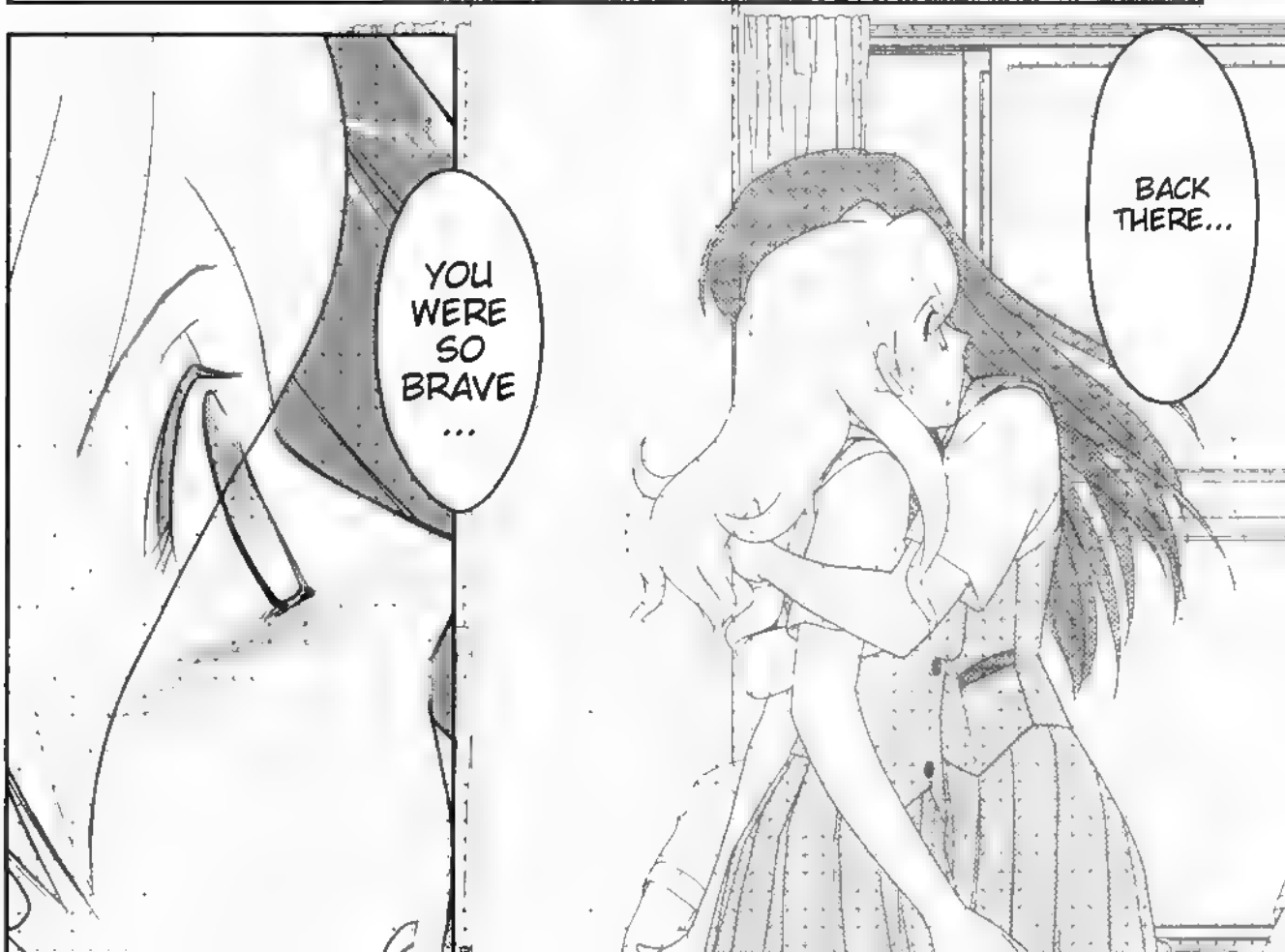


IT'S BEST
TO STICK
WITH SAFE
CHOICES
FOR NOW.

SINCE
I CAN'T
USE
ANYONE
IN THE
GIRLS'
KARATE
CLUB, I'LL
TRY
FUJITO-
SAN AND
HER
FRIENDS.

I NEED THE
NOMIN-
ATIONS
OF FIVE
PEOPLE.

KAZAMA
...







Cling

Cling

Clang

Clang

Clang

Cling

Cling

Clang





AND KAZAMA WAS ACCLAIMED THE WINNER.

Wait...

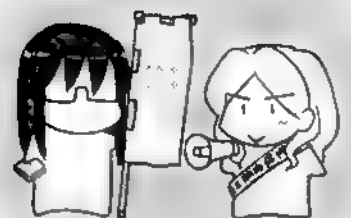


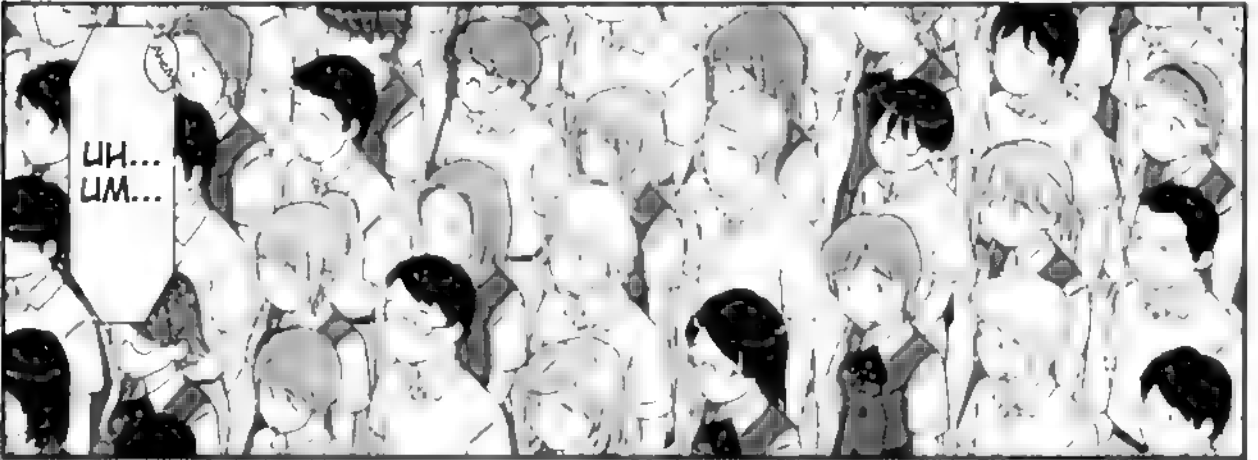
Ah

IN THE END, NO OTHER CANDIDATES ENTERED THE RACE.

Useless
Addition #43







UH...
UM...

GOOD
MORNING,
EVERYONE.

KICK

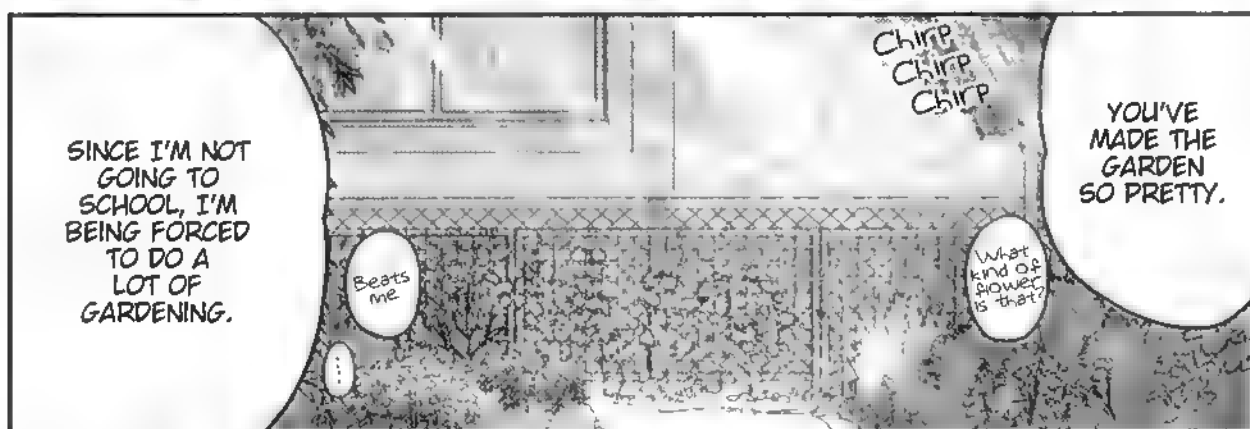
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Garden



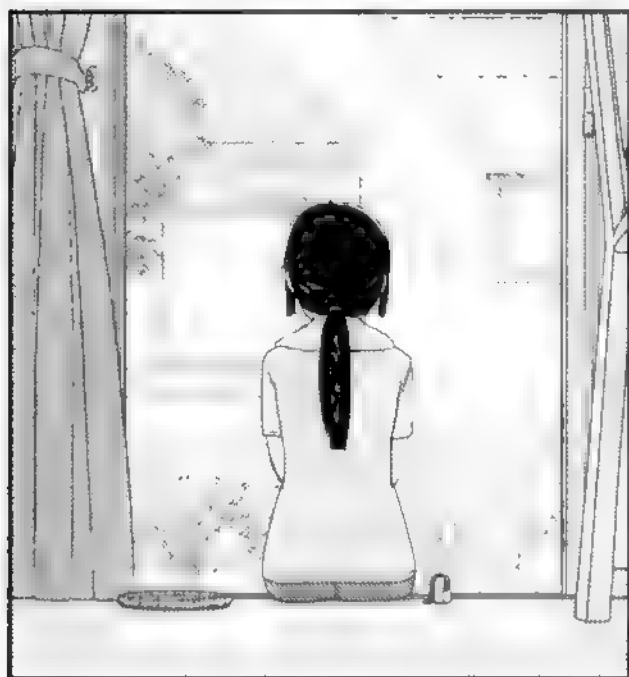
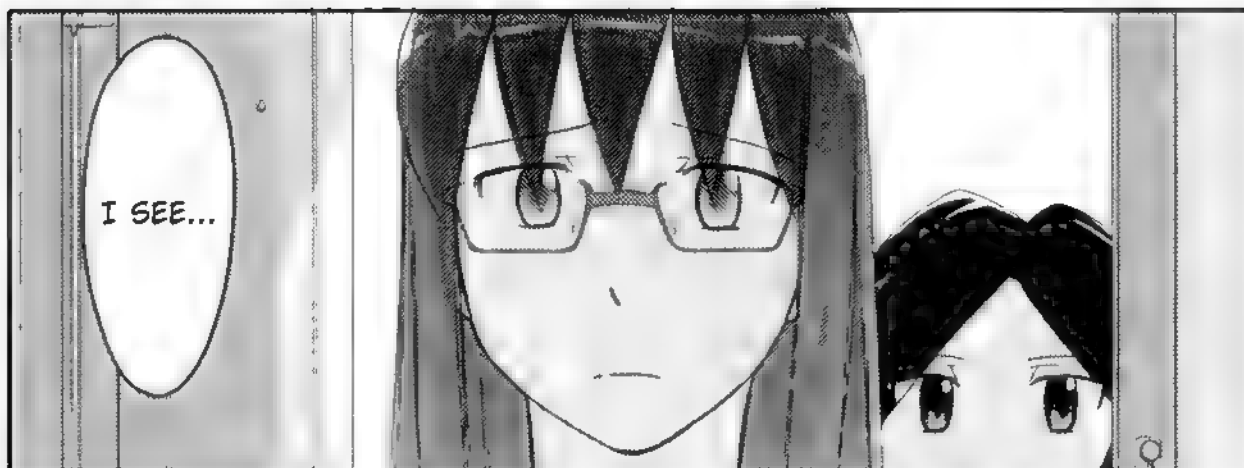














DINNER.



ONCE SUMMER
VACATION
BEGINS, THEY'LL
START COMING
EVERY DAY.

I'M
SURE
...



THAT'S WHY
I SAID YOU
DIDN'T HAVE
TO COME...

Doll
head?

JEEZ.
THAT
DOLL
HEAD.
I CAN'T
BELIEVE I
CAME OUT
HERE IN THE
HEAT FOR
THIS.

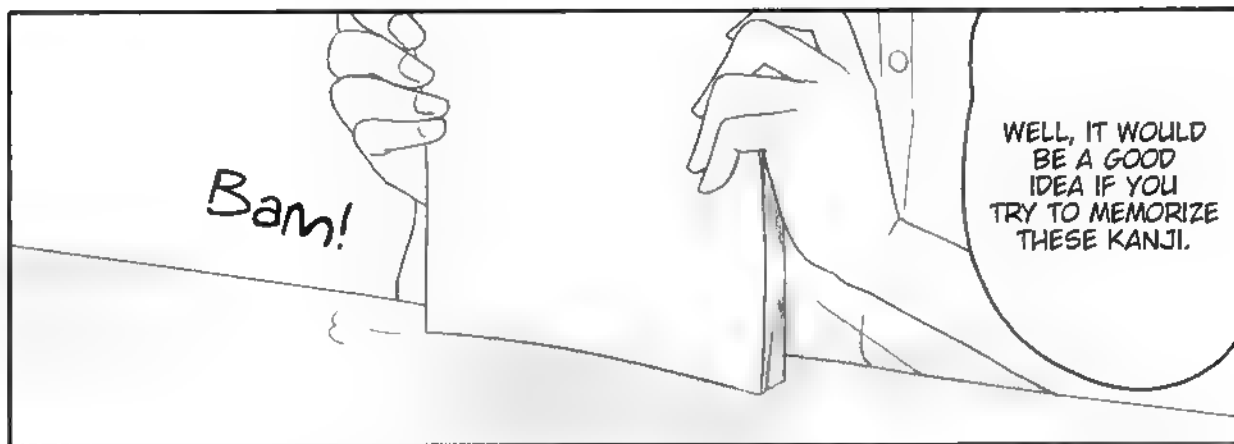


SHE MIGHT
NOT COME
BACK TO
SCHOOL
UNTIL AFTER
SUMMER
VACATION.

THE WAY
THINGS
ARE
GOING...

WHERE
TOMOE-
CHAN GOES,
I MUST
FOLLOW!





WELL, IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA IF YOU TRY TO MEMORIZE THESE KANJI.



THE VICE-PRESIDENT, FUMIKI-SAN WILL BE HAPPY TO TEACH YOU ANYTHING.

THE CLASS REPS CAN HELP YOU AS WELL.



JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE THE STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT DOESN'T MEAN PEOPLE EXPECT YOU TO BE SUPERHUMAN.



OF COURSE, WE'RE THE STUDENT COUNCIL, AFTER ALL.

Packed

IT...

IT'S PACKED TIGHT.

NO... THAT'S NOT...

MY DAUGHTER'S ECCENTRICITIES MUST BE CAUSING YOU A LOT OF TROUBLE.

SORRY ABOUT THIS. YOU HAVING TO COME OUT HERE IN THIS HEAT AND ALL.

I THINK IT'S RARE TO SEE SUCH A PURE-HEARTED GIRL THESE DAYS.

Welcome

LIKE ABOUT WHAT?

SO HOW MUCH DO YOU THINK HE'S BEEN TOLD?

whisper

LIKE ABOUT WHO THE DOLL-HEAD IS IN LOVE WITH.

Like father, like daughter...

I KNEW SINCE IT'S RARE, NOBODY KNOWS HOW TO DEAL WITH IT.



I WANTED TO
RAISE HER
TO BE AN
HONEST PERSON
WHO SPEAKS
HER MIND...

I
THOUGHT
...



AS HER
FATHER,
I HAVE TO
SAY WHAT
SHE DID
WASN'T VERY
SMART.

WELL, IN
TODAY'S WORLD,
HONEST PEOPLE
JUST COME
ACROSS AS
BEING STUPID.

RATHER
THAN BEING
SILENT ABOUT
IT AND LOOKING
THE OTHER WAY,
I THINK IT'S
BETTER TO SAY
WHAT I THINK.

ANY WAY
YOU LOOK
AT IT, SHE'S
IN THIS
SITUATION
BECAUSE HER
HONESTY
GOT HER
INTO TROUBLE.



Hahahahahaha

Not making
any sense

THE FACT
IS THAT
A STUPIDLY
HONEST PERSON
IS JUST A
STUPID PERSON
IN THE EYES
OF OTHERS.

BECAUSE SHE
DOESN'T HAVE
ANYONE ELSE
TO BLAME,
SHE'S JUST
GONE INTO
A STATE OF
RESIGNATION.

He's
definitely
her father

THAT'S
PROOF THE
WORLD
HASN'T
ABANDONED
HER.

BUT SHE
STILL HAS
HER BEST
FRIEND
KOINO-CHAN
AND ALL OF
YOU SENPAIS.

Klong





I DON'T
EVEN KNOW
WHAT I
CAN DO.



I ALSO...
WANT TO
BECOME
STRONG...

BUT I DON'T
KNOW WHAT
I SHOULD DO...



THERE...

MIGHT NOT
BE ANYTHING
MORE I
CAN DO...



I DON'T
THINK SOMEONE
LIKE ME...
IS QUALIFIED
TO HELP
SOMEONE
GET STRONGER.

TODAY,
I WASN'T
EVEN
ABLE TO
MEET
WITH
HER.

ALL I REALLY
WANT IS FOR
YOU TO KEEP
BEING FRIENDS
WITH HER LIKE
YOU'VE BEEN
UP UNTIL NOW.

I WASN'T
TRYING TO
SAY SOMETHING
PROFOUND.

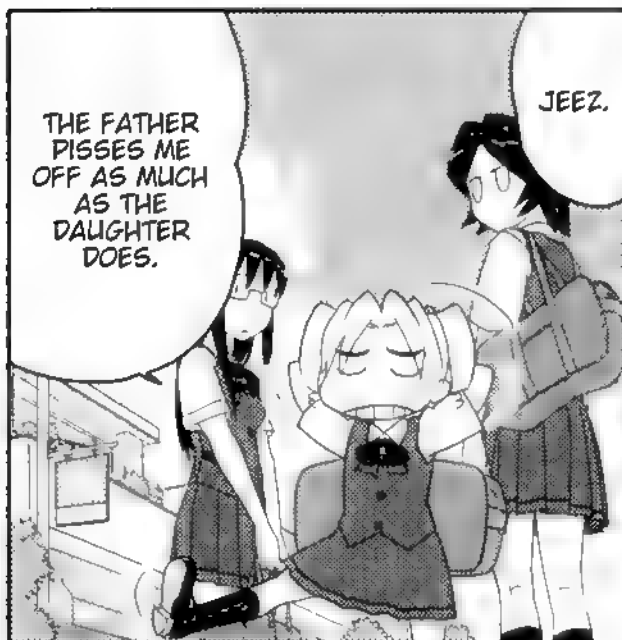
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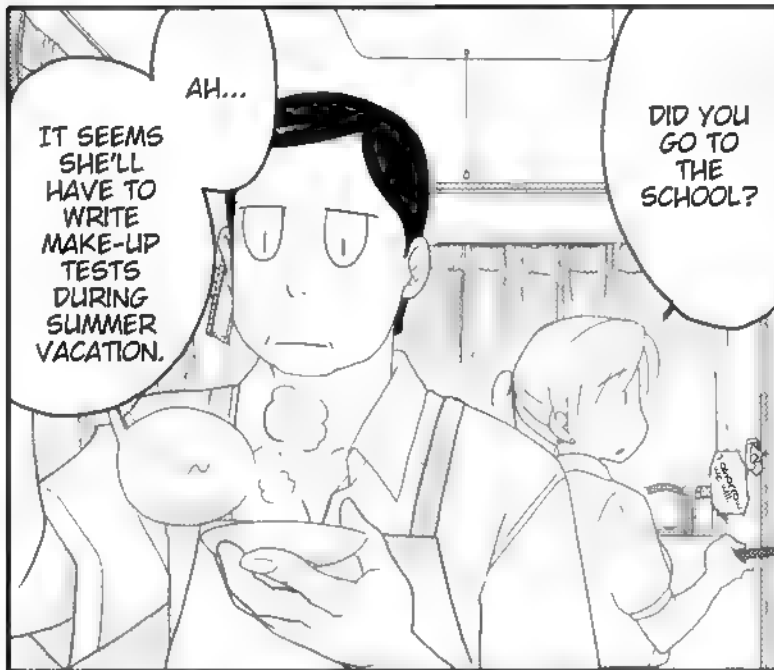
MAYBE I
WORDED
THAT
POORLY.

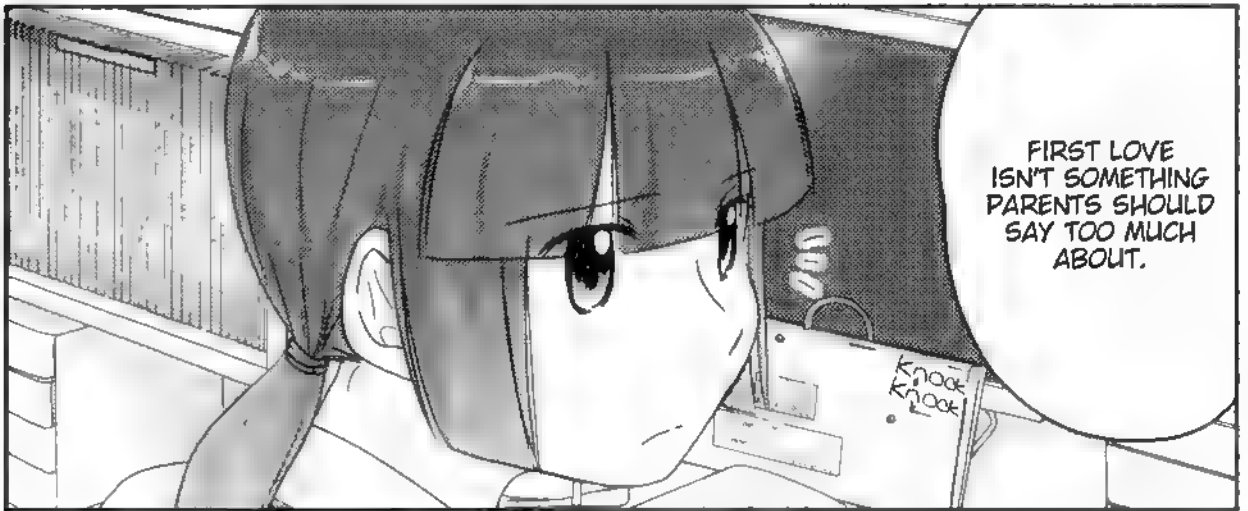


I'M
REALLY
...

GLAD I
MET YOU
TODAY.











MAYU...

THINK
ABOUT
WHAT IT
IS YOU
NEED TO
DO.

GO...



GOOD
MORNING.

Good
morning!



Go...





GYAN
GYAN
GYAN

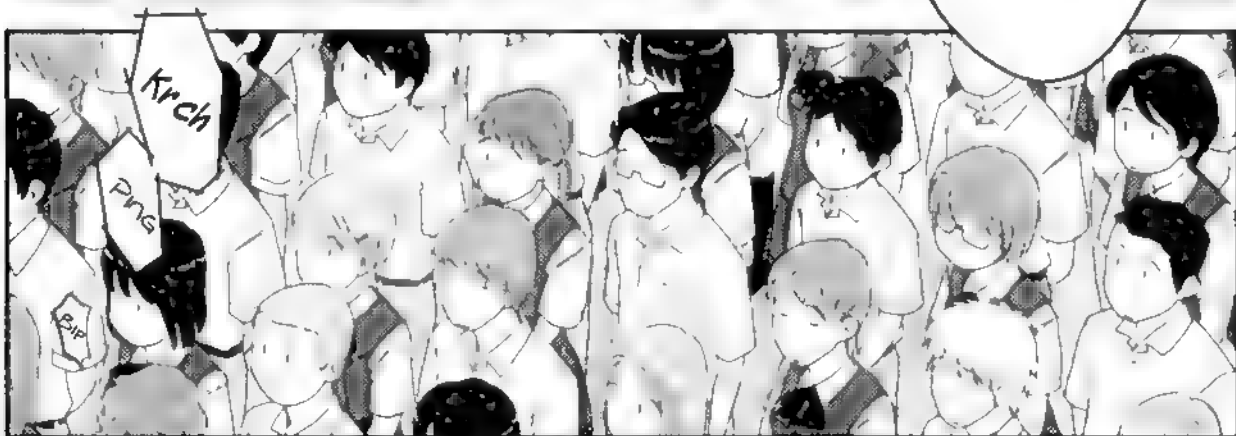
SO I'M GOING
TO DO MY
BEST TO LIVE
UP TO WHAT
YOU SAID
ABOUT ME.

SENPAI
SAID THAT
I'M NOT A
BAD PERSON...

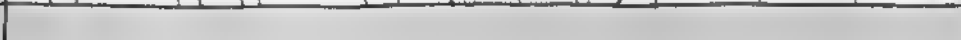
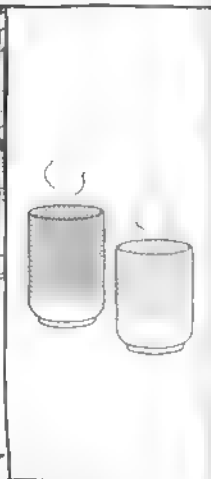
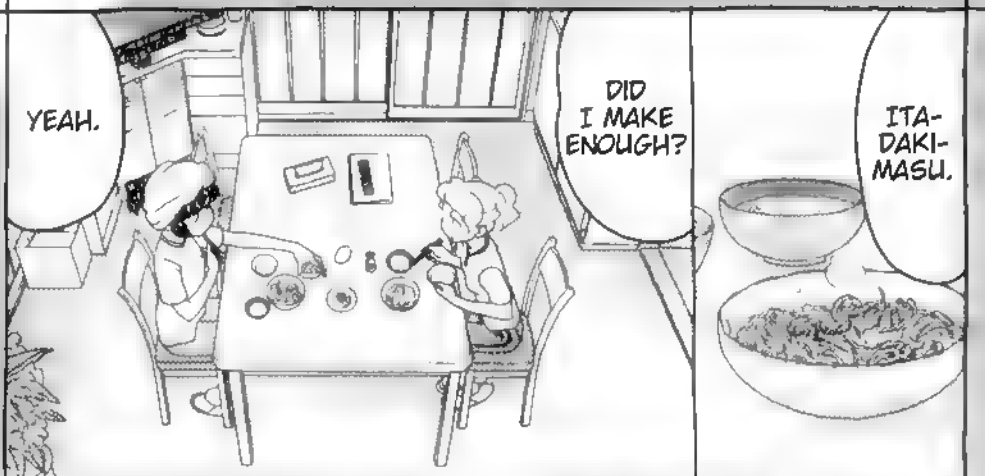
YES.

ARE...
ARE YOU
OKAY?



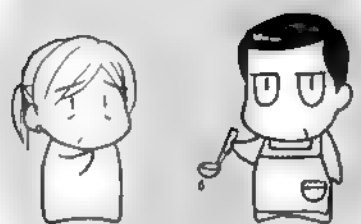


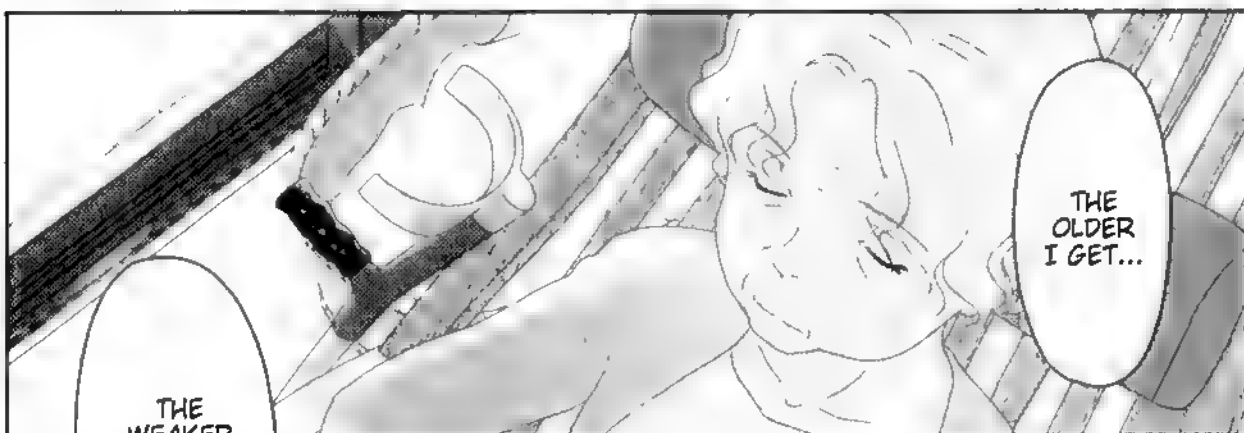
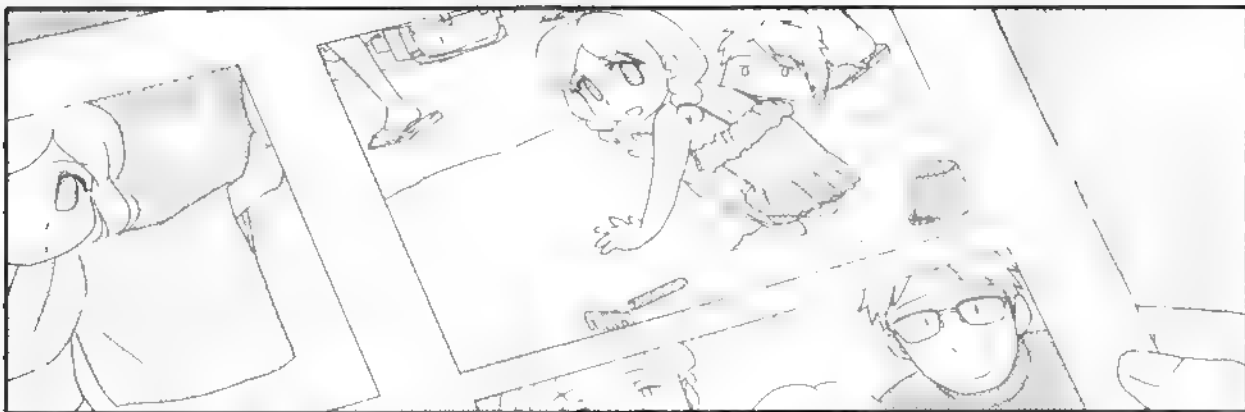
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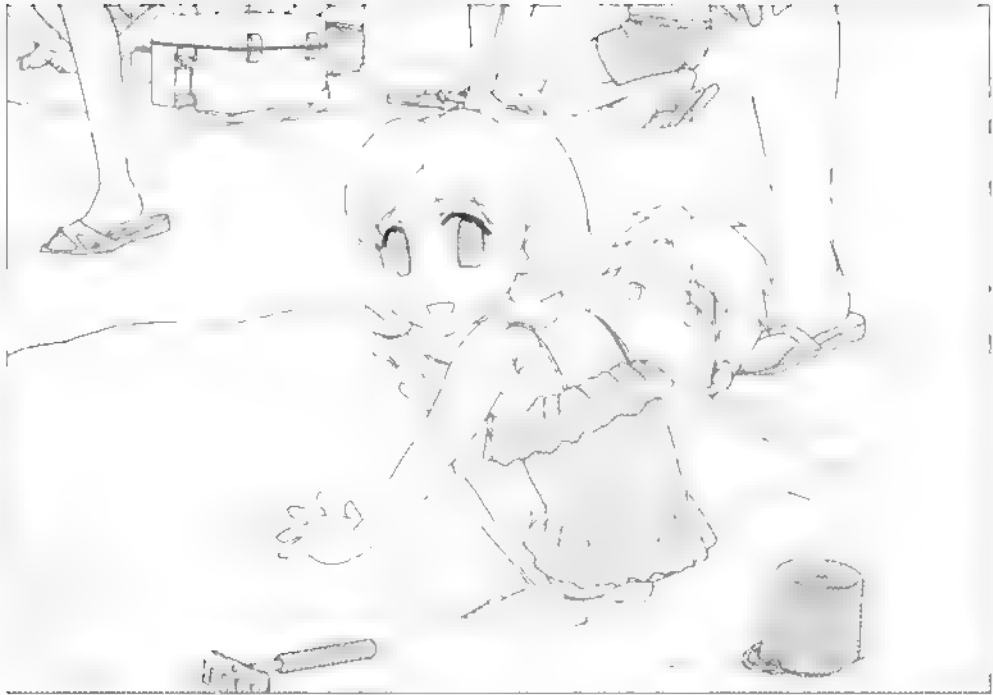


Shock!

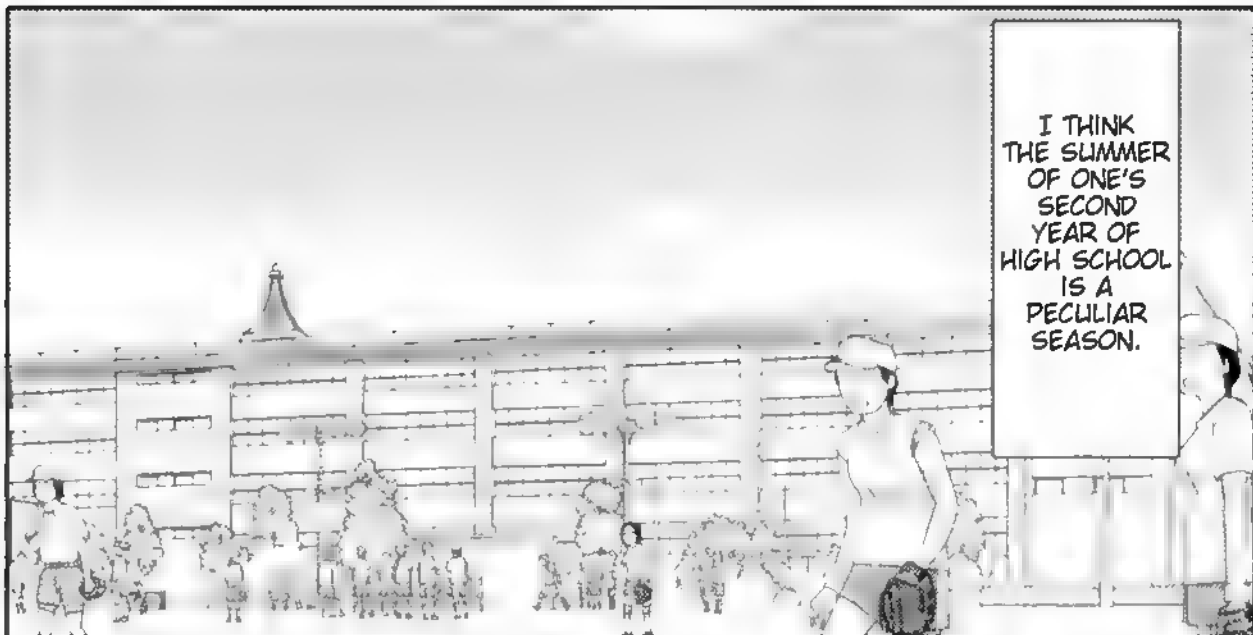
AREN'T WE LIKE A MARRIED COUPLE RIGHT NOW?







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I THINK
THE SUMMER
OF ONE'S
SECOND
YEAR OF
HIGH SCHOOL
IS A
PECULIAR
SEASON.



A TIME OF
PEACE AND
LAZINESS,
WHEN A
MOMENT SEEMS
LIKE IT WILL
LAST FOREVER.

WE'VE GOTTEN
USED TO OUR
SURROUNDINGS
AND BECOME
MORE MATURE,
YET UNIVERSITY
ENTRANCE EXAMS
ARE STILL FAR
ENOUGH AWAY
THAT WE CAN
IGNORE THEM.



EVEN
THOUGH IT'S
SUMMER
VACATION,
THERE ARE
STILL SO
MANY
PEOPLE.

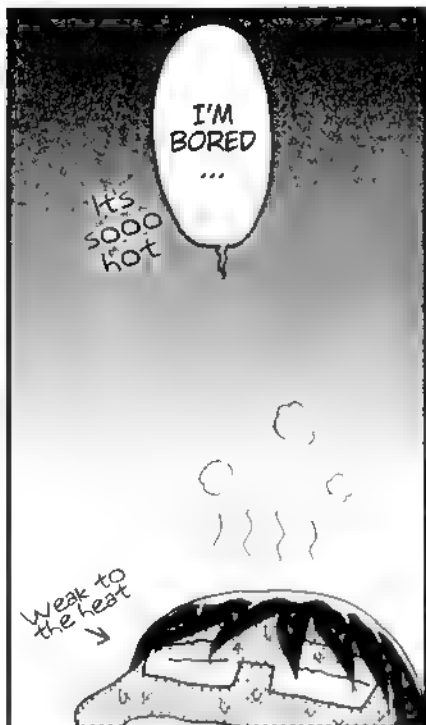
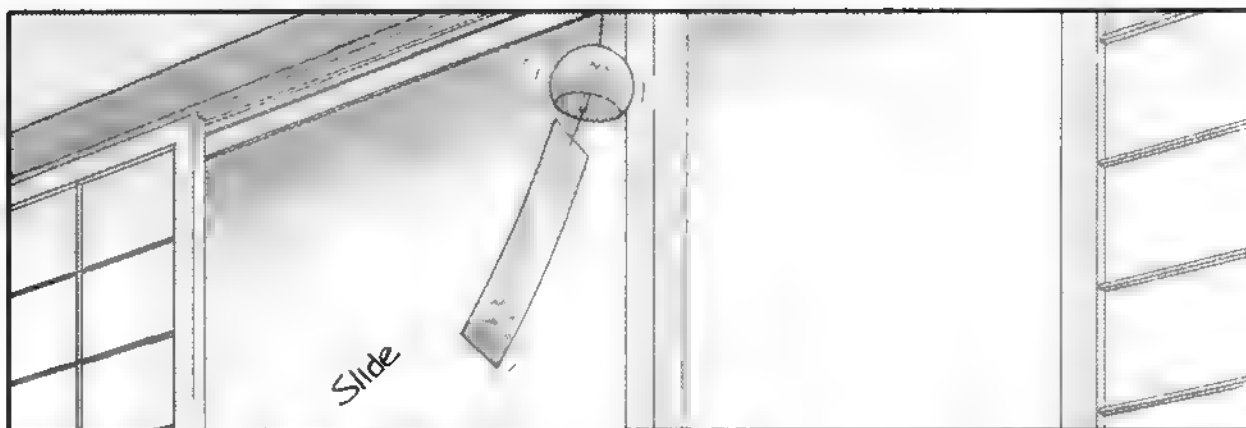
THAT'S
RIGHT.

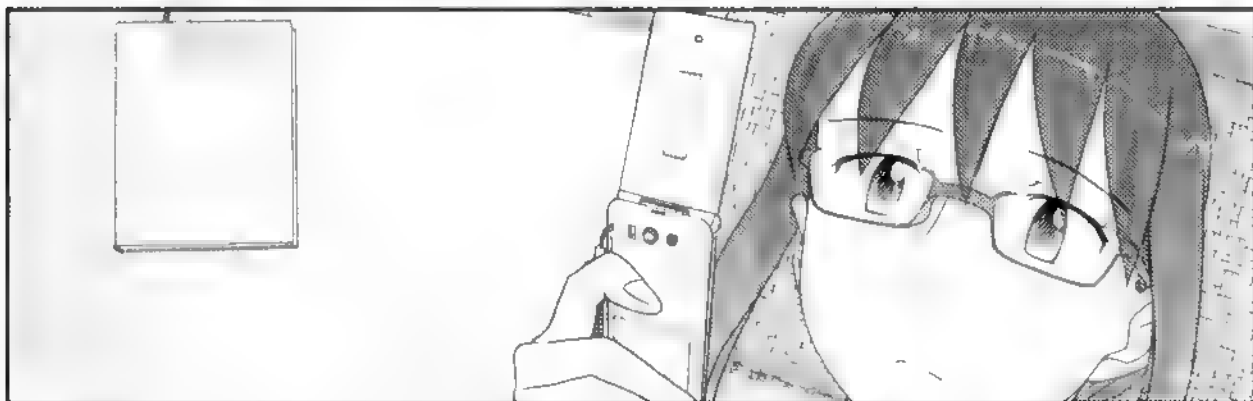
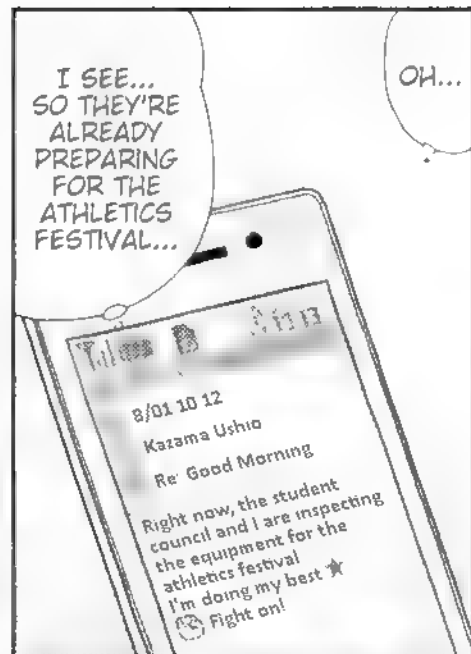


WE
QUICKLY
REALIZE
HOW THE
DAYS ARE
PASSING
US BY.

OF COURSE,
THAT FEELING
OF ETERNITY
IS JUST AN
ILLUSION.







Parent teacher meeting schedule

13:00
1
13:20 M. Charlotte
1
13:40 Murasame Sumika
13:50
1
14:10 Murakura Misaki
1
14:20 Mochizuki Tomoka

TRUTHFULLY...
I DON'T
REALLY
KNOW...

WELL NOW!
AIN'T THAT
GREAT!

WELL, WITH
HOW GOOD YOUR
DAUGHTER'S
GRADES ARE,
SHE CAN PROBABLY
GO TO PRETTY
MUCH ANY
SCHOOL SHE
WANTS.

SO, SUMIKA,
WHERE YA
WANNA GO?

We're not
talking
about
going on
vacation
here, dad

IS IT TOO
LATE FOR
ME TO PUT
OFF CHOOSING
BETWEEN
ARTS AND
SCIENCE?

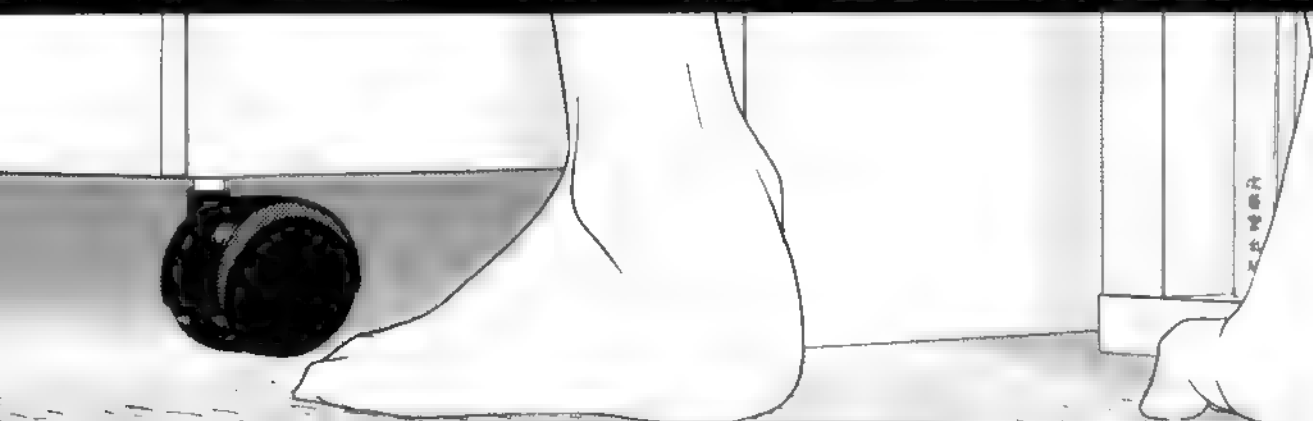
I JUST
THOUGHT...

WHEN I
DECIDED
THAT...

YOU CHOSE
TO TAKE
THE ARTS
CURRICULUM
THIS YEAR.

IT'S NOT
POSSIBLE
TO SWITCH
OUT OF
THAT NOW.





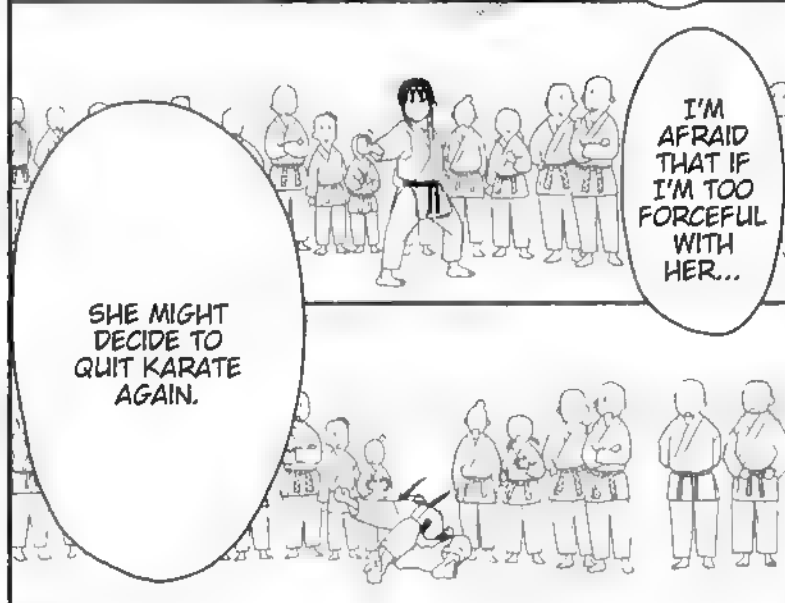
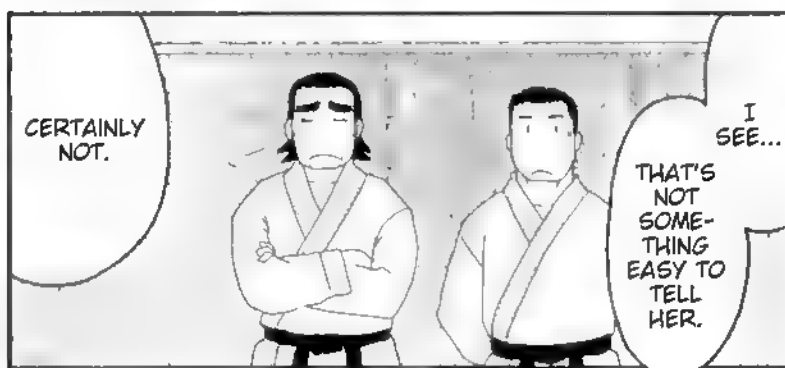
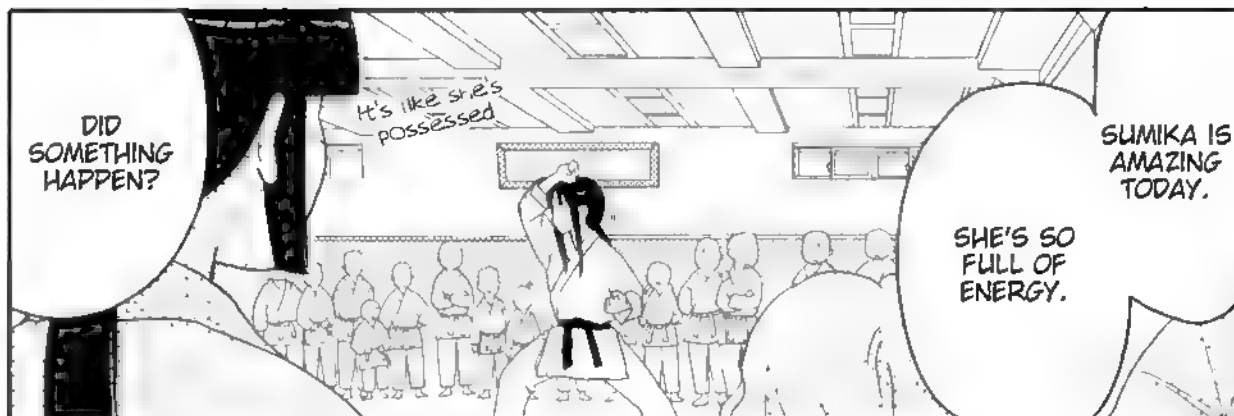


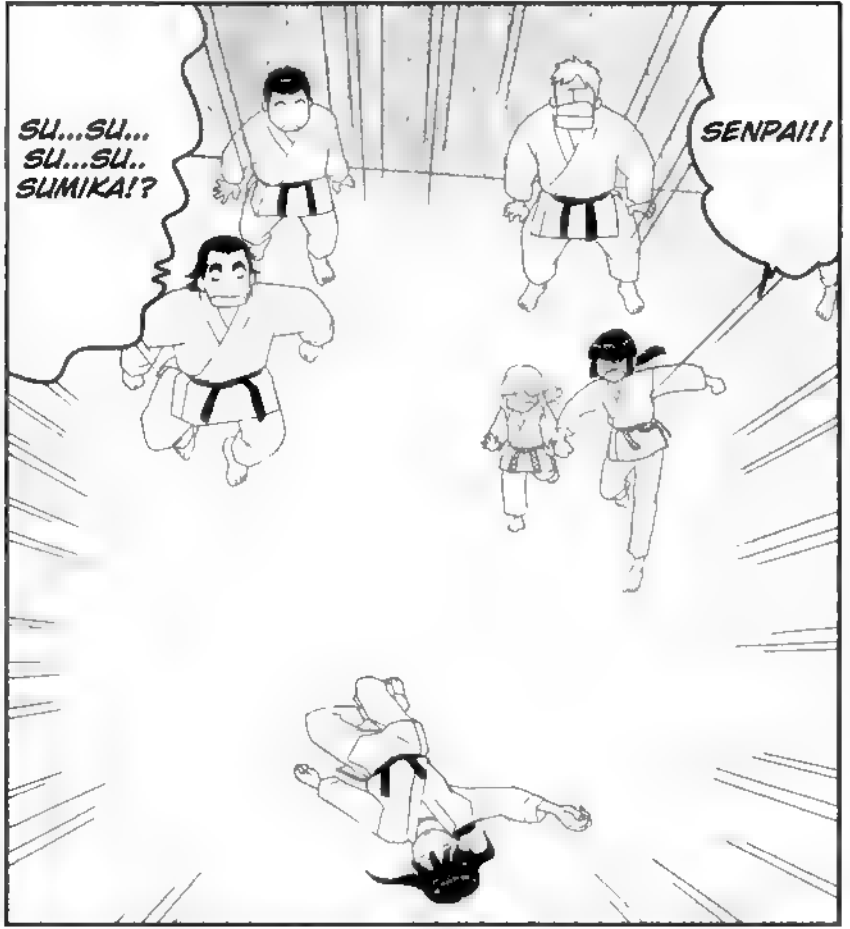














HE HAD
JUST GOTTEN
UP AND WASN'T
REALLY PAYING
ATTENTION.
IT SHOULD
BE OKAY...

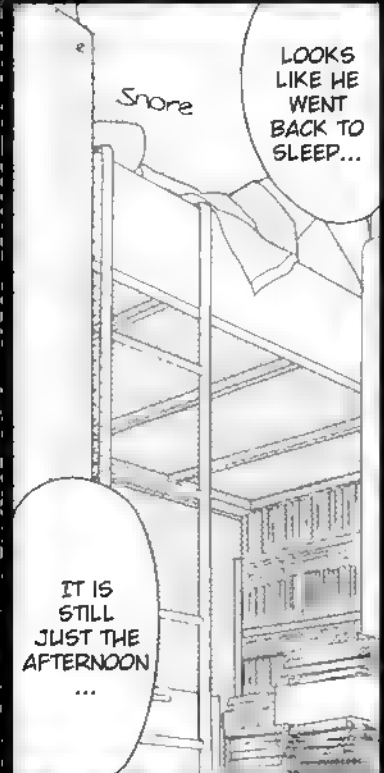
SORRY!

YOU
SHOULD
HAVE TOLD
ME HE
WAS HERE!

WH...WH...
WHAT
SHOULD
I DO?
I HAVE TO
APOLOGIZE!



Embarrassed



LOOKS
LIKE HE
WENT
BACK TO
SLEEP...

Shore

Creak

IT IS
STILL
JUST THE
AFTERNOON
...

SHE'S...

AH...

SHE'S
SO
CLOSE
...

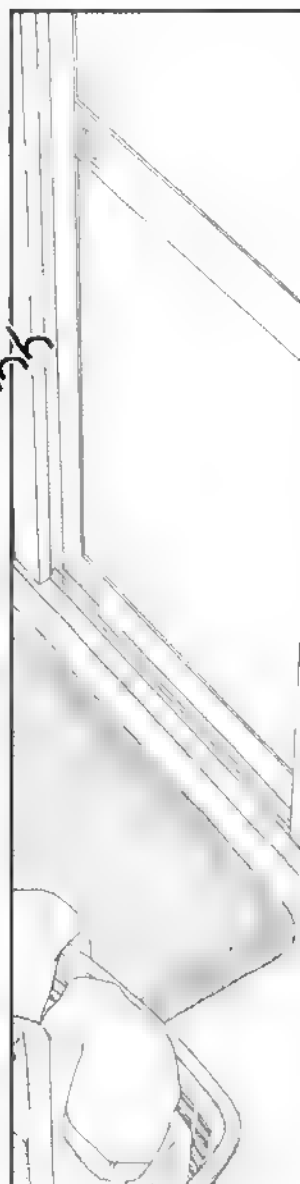
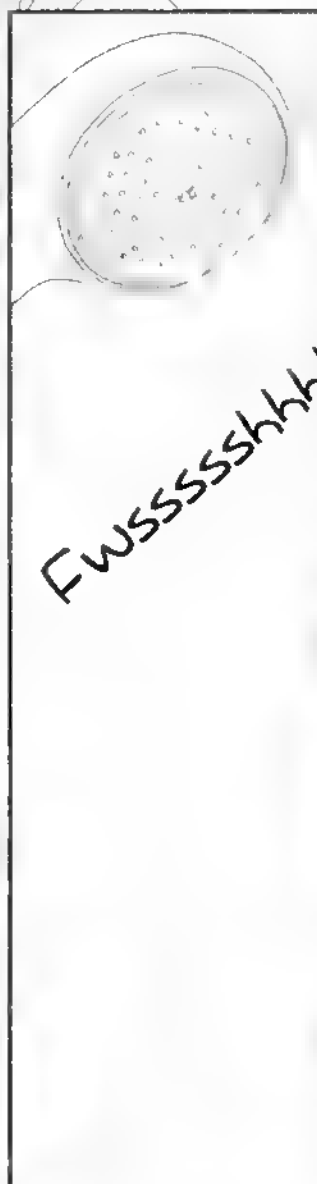
BUT THE
BELL WAS
RINGING
SO I COULDN'T
REALLY HEAR
THAT WELL...
WHY AM I
HAVING A
FLASHBACK
TO THIS
SCENE
ANYWAYS!?

WAIT...
LAST TIME
WE WERE
ALONE
TOGETHER, I
THOUGHT I
HEARD HER
SAY SHE
LOVED ME...





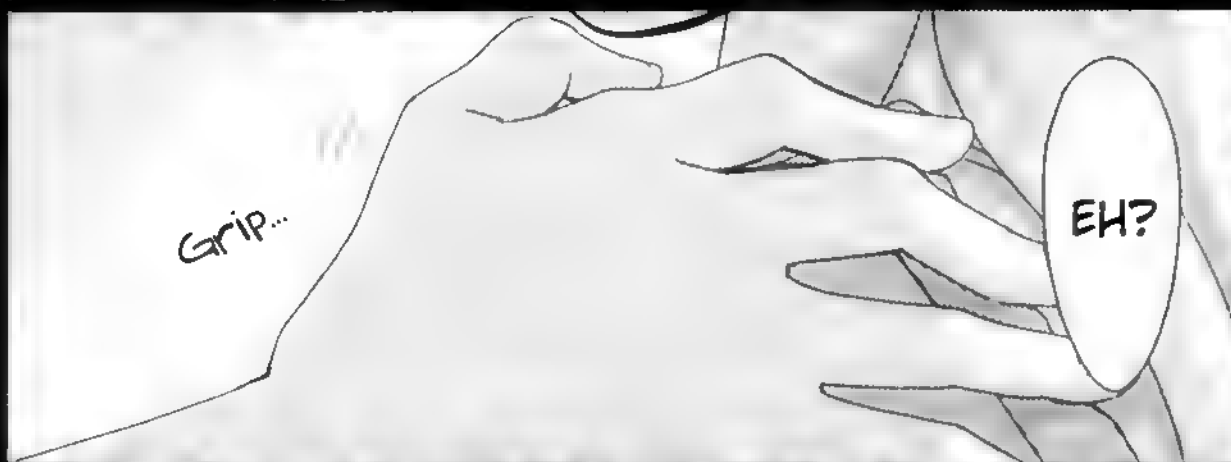
You should lie down, Sumika!



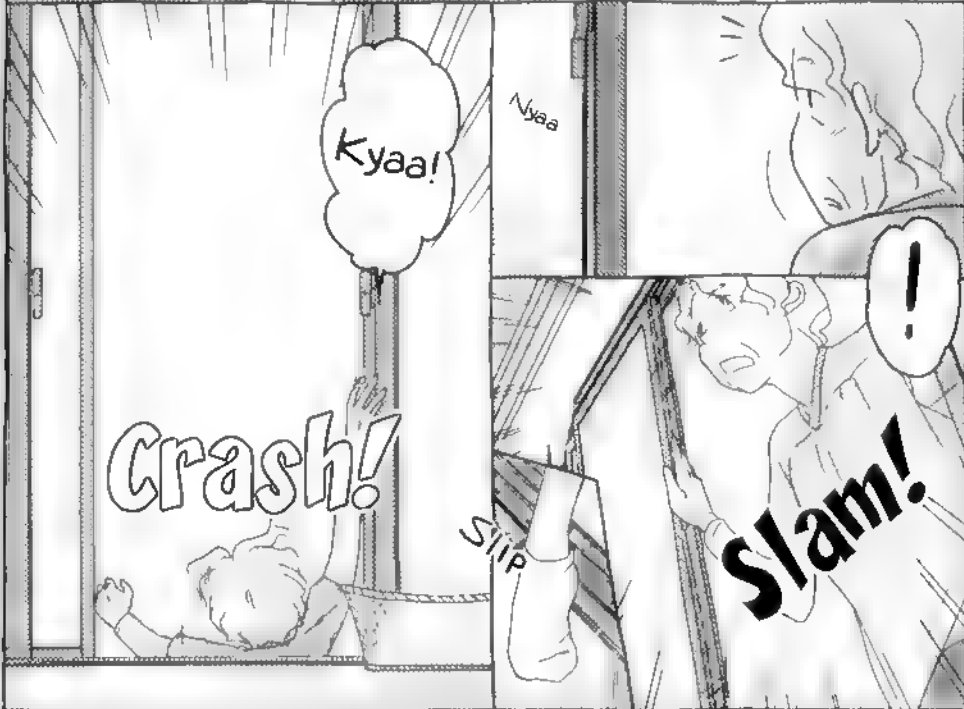
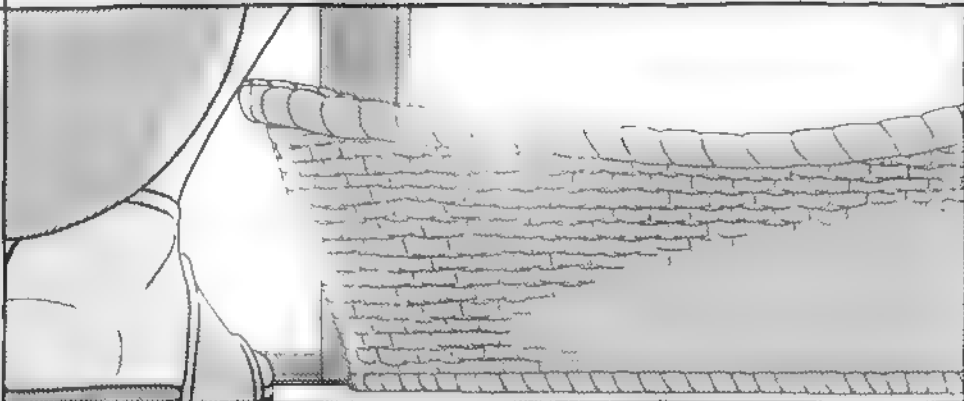
SHOULD
JUST GO
BACK TO
GRANDMA'S
PLACE.

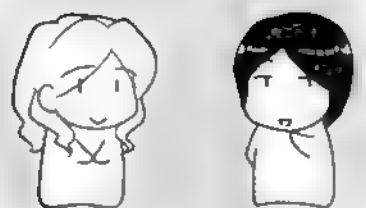
I...





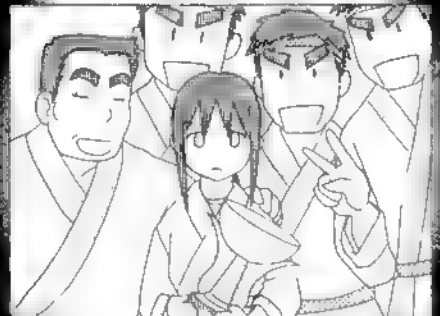
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Addition #45







I USED TO
THINK I
COULD DO
ANYTHING
...



I WAS
PROBABLY
REALLY
ARROGANT
BACK WHEN
I WAS
A KID.

MY DAD TRIED
TO RAISE ME
STRICTLY, BUT
SINCE I WAS
THE DAUGHTER
OF THE HEAD
OF THE DOJO,
THE ADULTS
AROUND ME
WOULD ALWAYS
DOTE ON ME.

She'll be
world-
famous
one day!

This
kid's a
genius!

Amazing!

I WAS
BETTER THAN
THE OTHER
KIDS MY AGE AT
PRETTY MUCH
EVERYTHING.
SOMETIMES I
WAS EVEN
BETTER THAN
ADULTS.

I'M NOT SURE WHICH HAPPENED FIRST...

Wahahahaha

I THINK MURASAME-SAN SHOULD BE CLASS REP!

THE OTHER KIDS MADE SURE I KNEW HOW THEY REALLY THOUGHT OF ME.

BUT WHEN I WAS AT SCHOOL

As expected of Murasame-san!

Giggle

HERE!

OR I STARTED SEEING THEM AS BENEATH ME.

WHETHER I REALIZED I DIDN'T FIT IN WITH THEM.

AND I THOUGHT I WOULD ALWAYS BE SPECIAL.

I WAS JUST SPECIAL.

EITHER WAY, I DIDN'T THINK THERE WAS ANYTHING WRONG WITH ME.

1. Edoya Yetsura
2. Izumi Konomi
3. Morinaga Chitose
4. Komaki Ayari
5. Kuramasa

16. Morita Tami
17. Chiehina Jirga
18. Sumino Matsuki
19. Shiroki Akiko
20. Shimahira Koshira

21. Inai Lewis
22. Yamodochi Aya
23. Fuse Michiru
24. Fukube Tsutomu
25. Shimiya Tomoe

FDUAL EXAMS: TOP SCORERS

6. Kanabara Tarou
7. Ogata Yui
8. Tedatso Hidari
9. Kinkachui Kou
10. Amari Madoka

1. Murasame Sumika
2. Izuraki Utano
3. Seyama Johi
4. Amiya Sachi
5. Kurikage Akira

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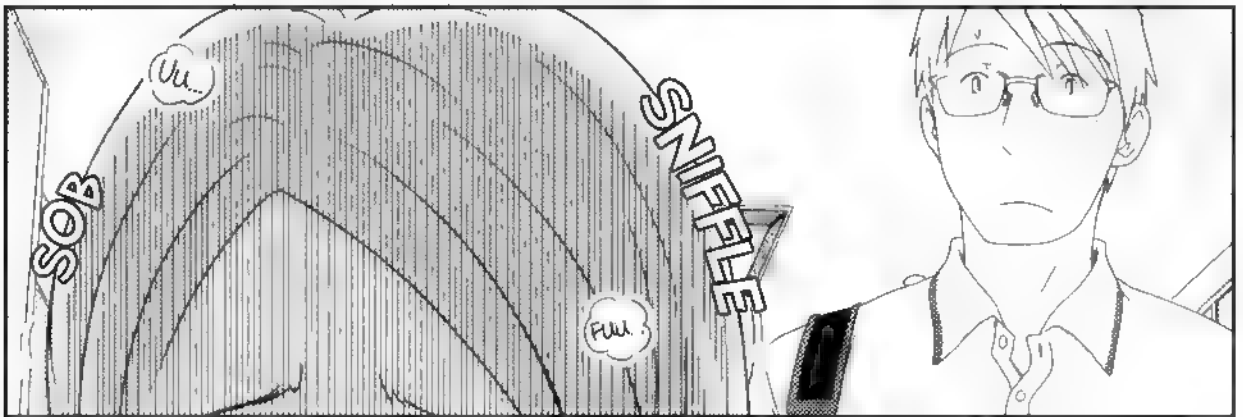
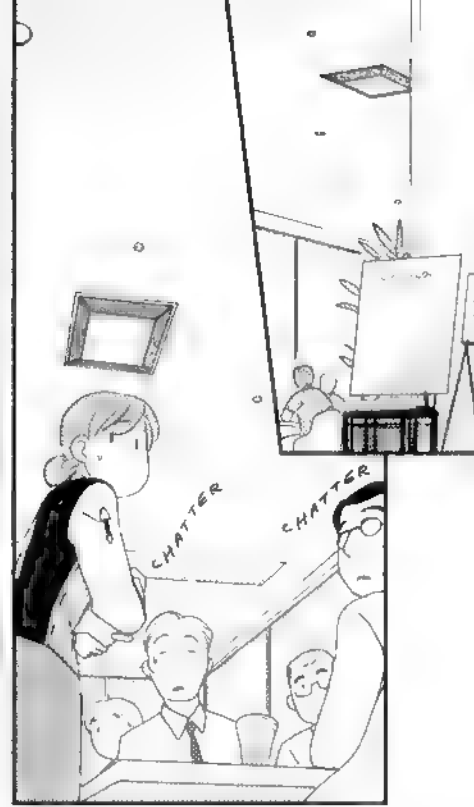
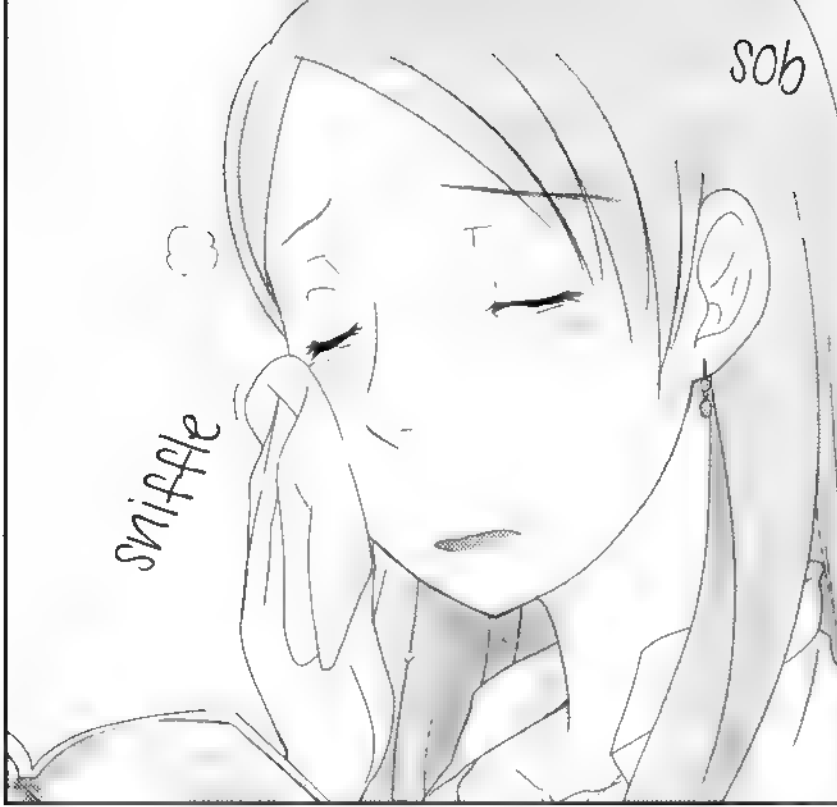


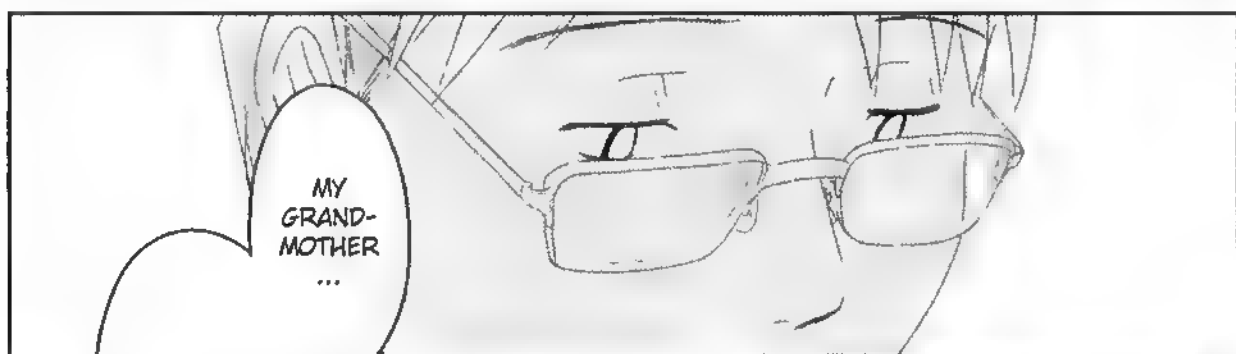
THERE
WAS
NOTHING I
COULDN'T
DO...

I THOUGHT
...



UP
UNTIL I MET
KAZAMA...







SHE
JUST HAD A
SMALL FALL
AND HURT
HERSELF A
BIT...

WELL,
SHE DIDN'T
REALLY
COLLAPSE...



AH! B...
BUT...

I SEE.

WE HAVEN'T
DECIDED ON
ANYTHING YET.
MAYBE NOTHING
WILL CHANGE
AT ALL.



BUT...
SHE'S
ALREADY
70.

IT MIGHT BE
BETTER IF THERE
WAS SOMEONE
THERE TO LOOK
AFTER HER.



SHE USED
TO BE A TEACHER,
SO SHE'S REALLY
TOUGH. SHE MIGHT
HAVE A QUICK
RECOVERY.

AND
IT'S ONLY
A TWO OR
THREE HOUR
TRAIN RIDE
AWAY, SO
I CAN VISIT
WHENEVER
I WANT...







HM?

BUT
I DON'T
WANT TO
BE...

...SEPARA-
TED FROM
YOU, SUMI-
CHAN.



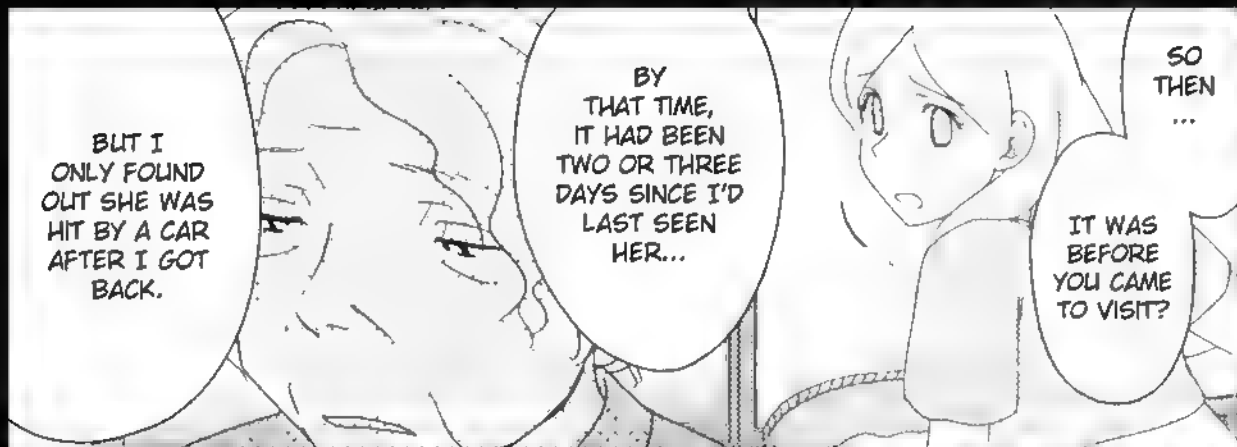
AH...

WHERE'S
CHAKO,
GRAND-
MA?

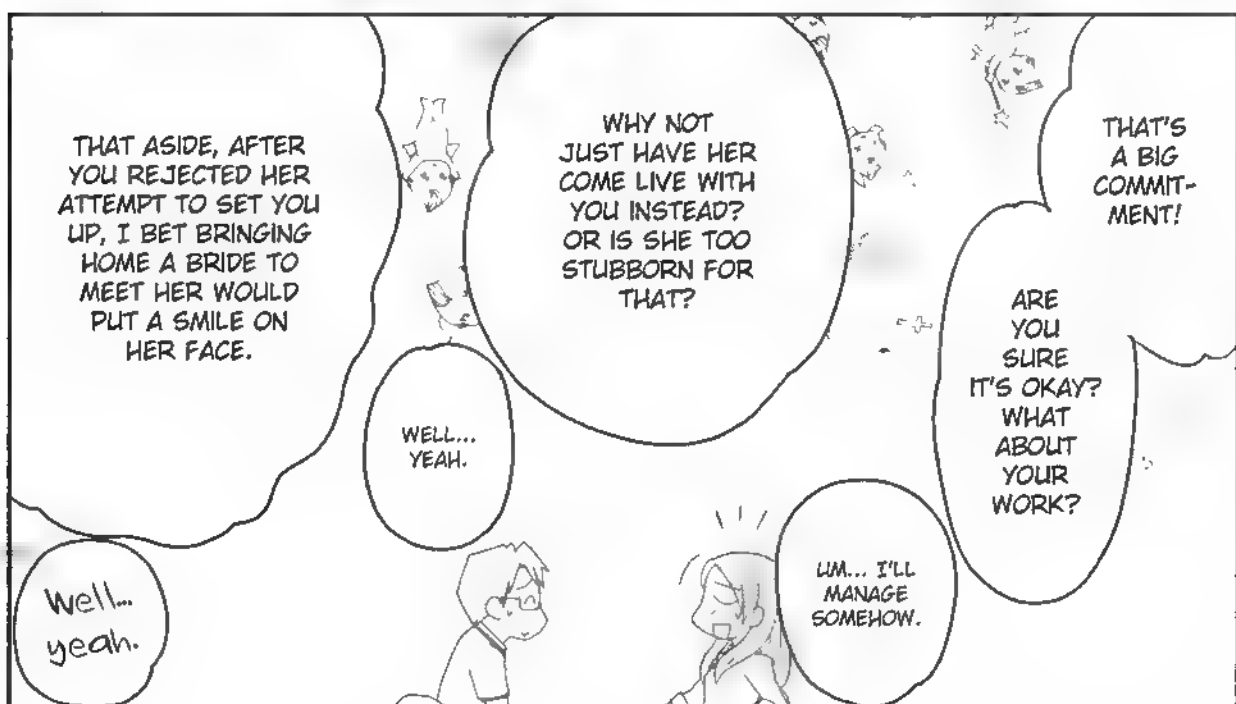
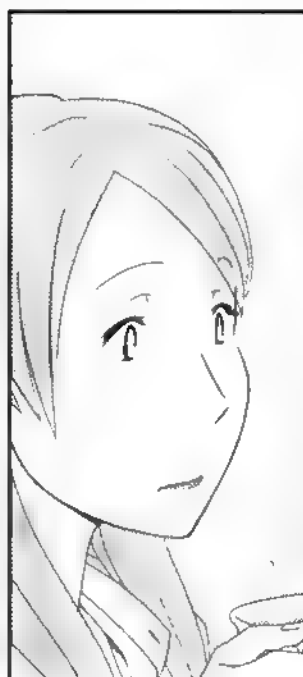


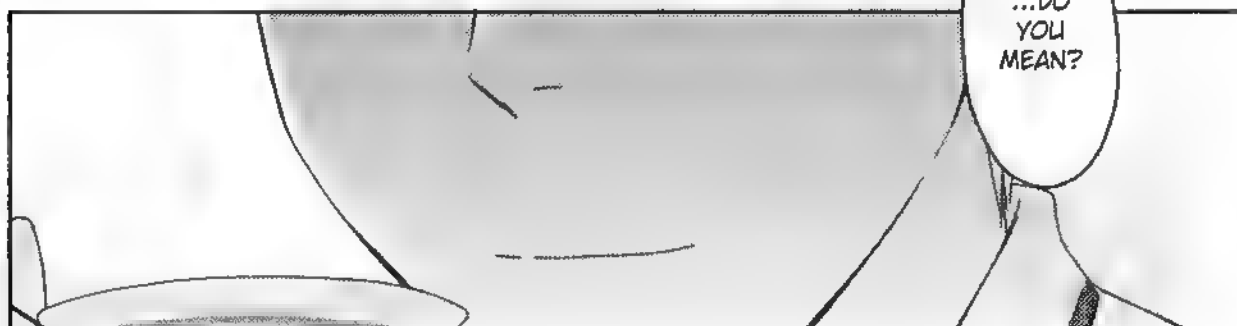
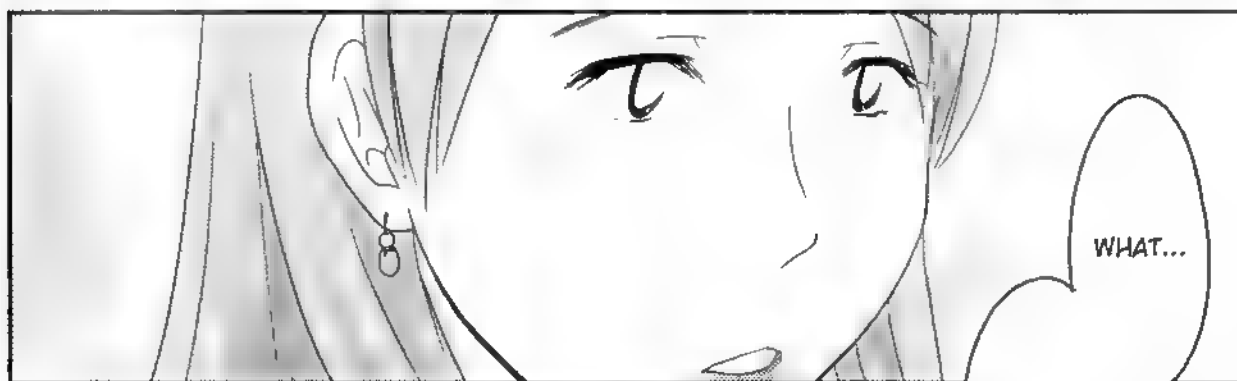
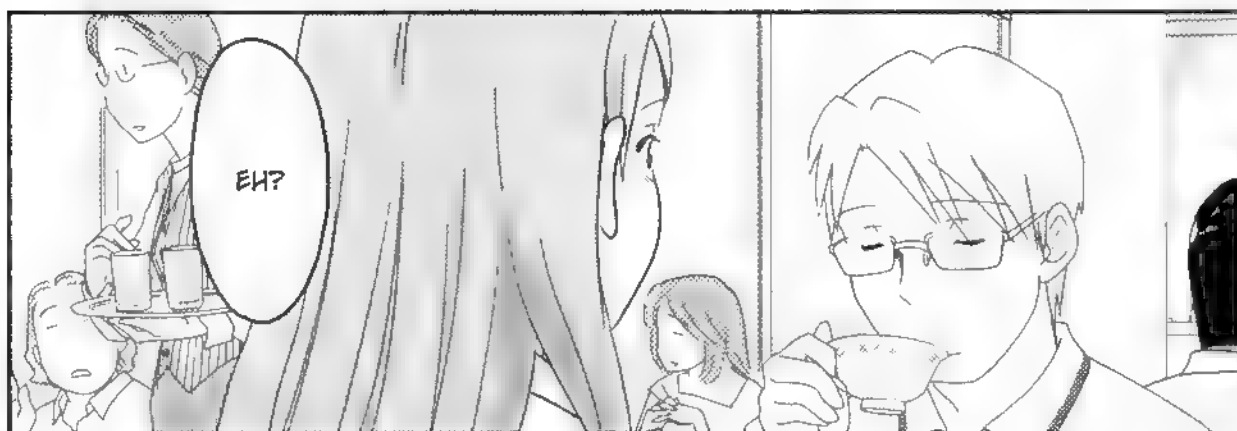
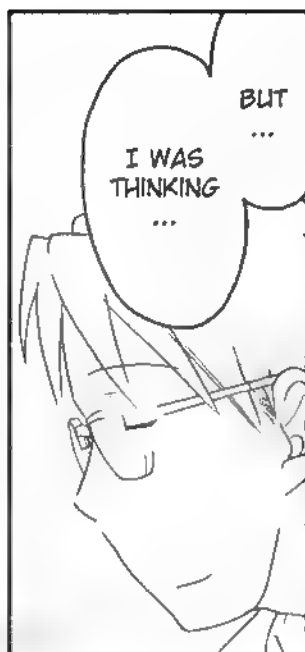
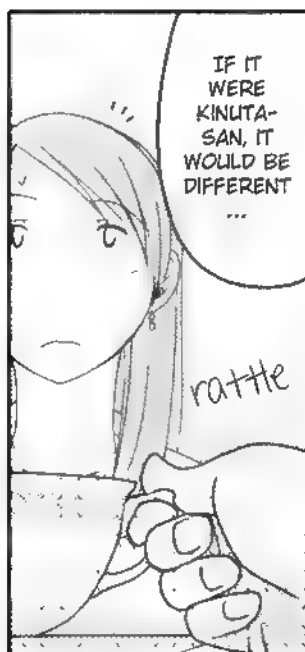
SHE
WAS IN AN
ACCIDENT
...

LAST
MONTH
...











SO EVEN THOUGH
I'M NOT MUCH OF
A CATCH, AND
THIS IS KIND OF
SUDDEN, YOU'LL
PROBABLY GO
ALONG WITH IT!

YOUR LUCK
IN LOVE IS
AS BAD AS MINE,
AND YOU MUST BE
GETTING DESPERATE
WITH HOW OLD
YOU ARE.

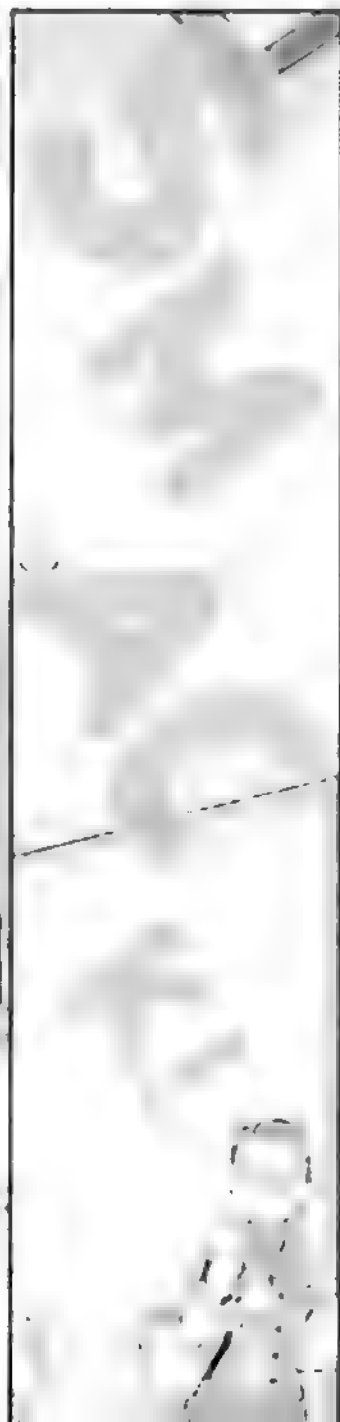


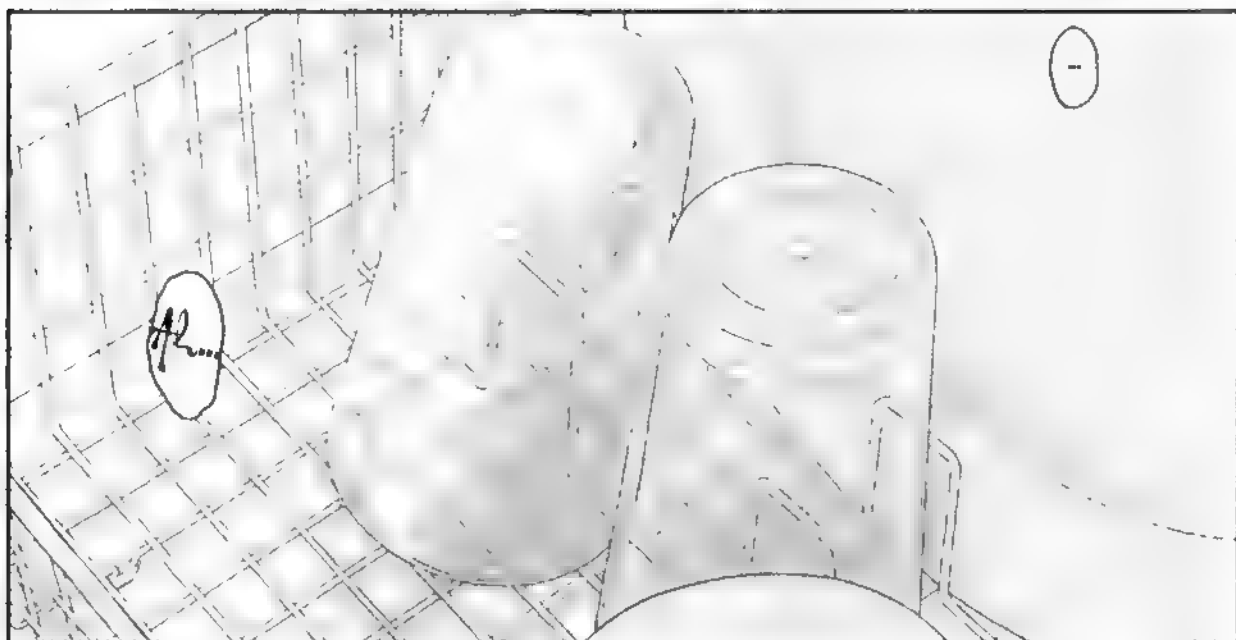
WILL
YOU MARRY
ME?

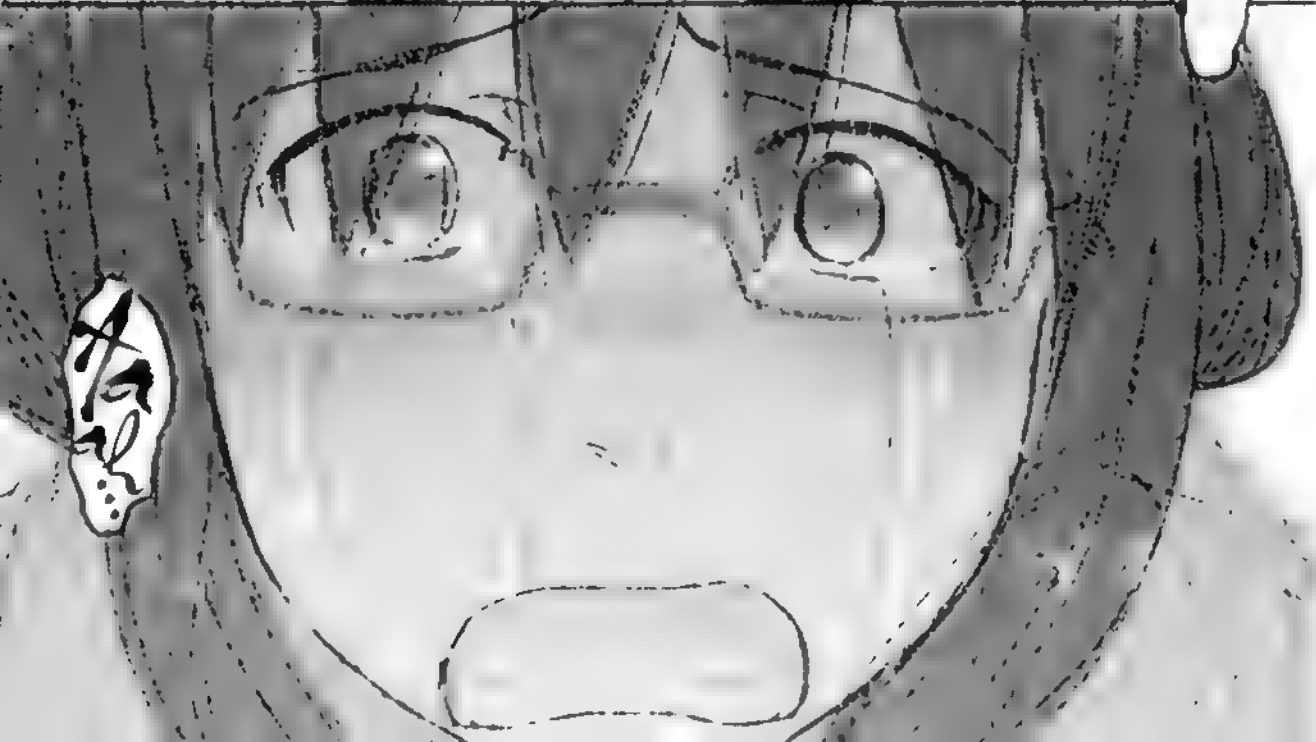
THERE'S
NO WAY I
CAN HIDE
THAT...

...THAT'S
WHAT
I WAS
THINKING,
BUT...

**S
T
A
N
D**



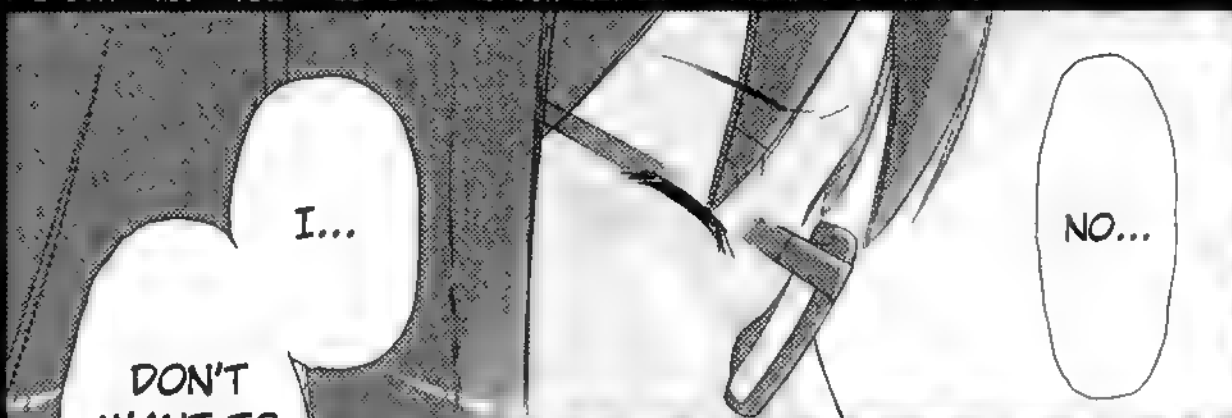






NO...

PLEASE
NO...





PLEASE
DON'T GO...

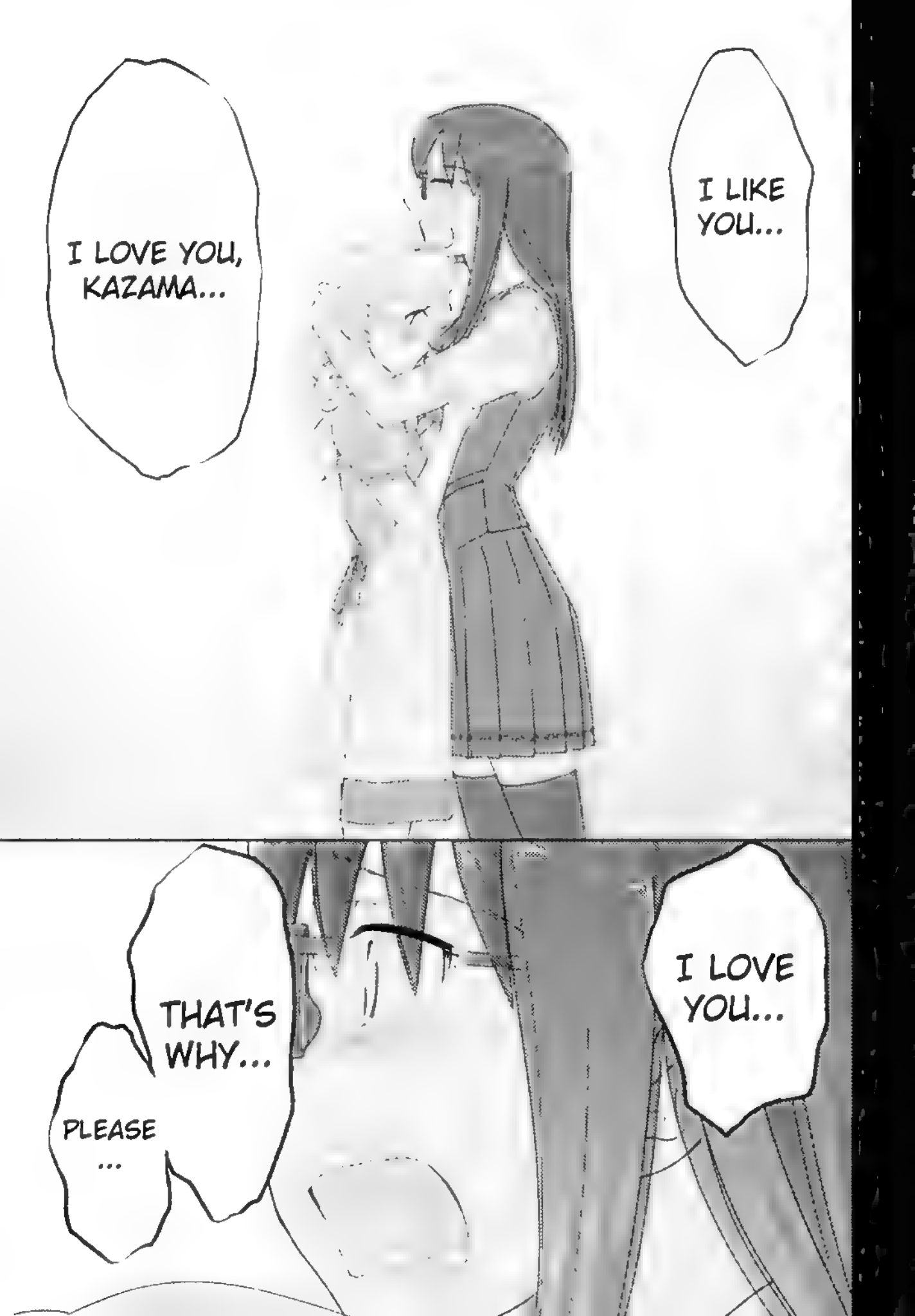
clench

DON'T
GO...



KAZAMA...

PLEASE
DON'T
LEAVE
ME...



I LOVE YOU,
KAZAMA...

I LIKE
YOU...

THAT'S
WHY...

PLEASE
...

I LOVE
YOU...



THANK YOU,
SUMI-CHAN...



I LOVE
YOU

I LIKE
YOU
TOO



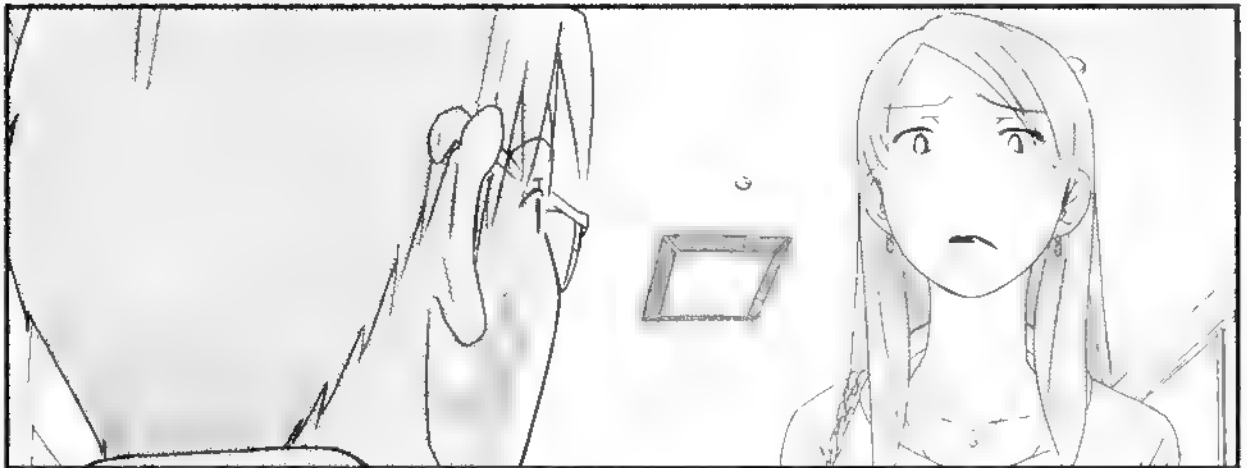
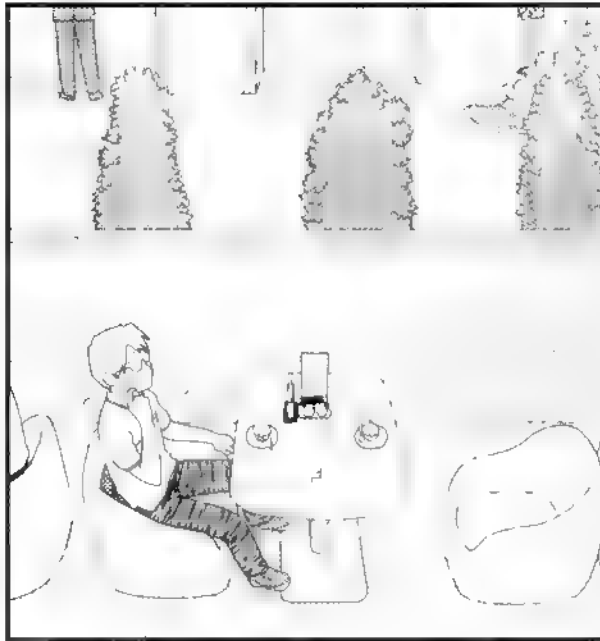
NO!

I'M
SORRY!
...

NO...



**PLEASE
DON'T
GOOO!!**



Useless
Addition #46





The Afterword

Part 8!



This has become a very tear-filled manga. Well, really, even in the first chapter the two of them did a lot of crying. The character's tear glands along with



the reader's tear glands must be really sore!

At least they should be. I hope.

Well then, let's meet again in volume 9. 

**THE STORY WILL FINALLY
REACH ITS CLIMAX!**

PROBABLY...

MAYBE...



Written
sometime in
January 2011



THEIR
FEELINGS
FINALLY
CONNECT.

UNDER
THE
SAME
BLUE
SKY...

Sasameki Koto

⑨

Ikeda Takashi

On sale Autumn 2011



The journey of their love will reach its conclusion...